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MEAT CLEAVER TERROR AS YOBS TARGET SHOP

By Adam Burling

A SHOPKEEPER in Kidderminster was threatened with a meat cleaver by three hooded youths who got away with £2,000 in cash and cigarettes.

The raid was just weeks after another shopkeeper in the town was threatened with a machete – and now police believe the robberies could be linked.

In the first raid on April 5, two masked thugs burst into the BK Minimarket in Hoo Road, Kidderminster, and threatened Baldev Singh, aged 43, with a machete.

Then on May 1, raiders struck at Offmore Stores in Albert Road.

The terrifying raid happened just as shop owner Jasjit Mann and her 13-year-old daughter were getting ready to close.

Three youths burst through the door, wielding a meat cleaver. They forced the teenager to stand behind the counter while they loaded their haul into a carrier bag.

Mrs Mann, who has owned the store for two years, was standing inside the shop.

Pushed

She and her daughter were left shaken but unhurt.

Mrs Mann said they were still coming to terms with what had happened.

"I have owned the store for two years and nothing like this has happened before," she said.

"We were just getting ready to close up for the night when these three burst through the door.

"They pushed my daughter behind the counter. I just told them to take whatever they wanted.

"They went straight for the money and the cigarettes."

Police said they were linking the raids and appealed for anyone with information to come forward.

A suspect caught on film

Detectives have issued CCTV images of people they want to speak to in connection with the Albert Road robbery.

They hope someone may recognise the clothing worn by the suspects.

Officers also want to hear from anyone who may have seen the raiders fleeing from the scene or thinks they know who they are.

Police have carried out house to house inquiries and are conducting forensic tests on a number of items as well as trawling the area for further CCTV footage.

Anyone with information is asked to call Dc Standing on 0300 333 3000 or to phone Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Lemurs lapping up a cuppa for charity

LEMURS joined in the fun as a season of fundraising tea parties was launched at the West Midland Safari Park.

A party was held in the lemur enclosure at the Bewdley attraction last year in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care – and plans are being drawn up for a similar event this summer.

People across the region are being encouraged to organise gatherings for the Blooming Great Tea Party, which runs during June and July.

Catherine Butt, a community fundraiser for the charity, said: "The Blooming Great Tea Party is really easy and fun, with every cuppa helping us nurse someone with a terminal illness in your neighbourhood.

"The safari park is always very supportive of our events.

"We want to show that you can hold a tea party anywhere, at any time, and anyone can be a guest – even a lemur."

The charity dates back to 1948 and now it provides specialist homes for the care of cancer patients, nursing for patients at home, and it educates on the symptoms and treatment of cancer

Its specialised local nurses provided free care and support to 186 terminally ill patients and their families in Worcestershire last year.

To hold a tea party, call 08700340040 or visit mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty for a free fundraising pack.

Catherine Butt and nurse Ann Brady, of Marie Curie Cancer Care, meet the Lemurs at West Midlands Safari Park, Bewdley, to promote their tea party fundraising drive

Skylarks scupper work on new pitch

TWO pairs of nesting skylarks have delayed the construction of a £500,000 hockey pitch that will save a Wyre Forest club from extinction.

The birds were seen hovering above the site in Stourport and experts warned that they are probably nesting.

As they are a protected species, construction cannot begin until the fledglings have flown.

Kidderminster Hockey Club needs the pitch because it was forced to leave its home of 25 years at King Charles I School, to make way for a new football pitch.

Wyre Forest District Council gave the go-ahead for an all-weather pitch at Stourport Sports Club in Kingsway.

Chairman Chris Longmore said the club had the use of a pitch at Redhill School, Stourbridge. Now because of the skylarks, they might need it for longer.

Lesley Fox, community development manager for Wyre Forest Council and a board member at Stourport Sports Club, said work had been due to start on the new pitch in early July.

That had now been put back to September and it was likely to be next year before the project was completed.

Thanks after pitch drama

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers striker Anthony Malbon has thanked medical staff who treated him after he was knocked unconscious on the pitch.

Malbon had to be airlifted to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital after the Harriers' game against Mansfield.

He said: "I had the best care possible and was in the best hands. I thank physio Gavin Crowe, the club doctor and the paramedics."

Party boss celebrates result of election

THE leader of the Independent Community and Health Concern party in Wyre Forest said his party was "back with force" after gaining three seats in the local elections.

ICHC, which was set up in 2000 to fight the closure of Kidderminster Hospital's A&E, now has the joint second highest number of seats on the council.

The Conservatives lost their majority but remain the largest party with 20 of the 42 seats. Labour and ICHC have eight each, the Liberal party has four and there are two independents.

Last year ICHC lost two seats to Labour, but this time round they snatched one back and gained two from the Conservatives.

ICHC leader Councillor Nigel Thomas said: "I forecast last year that we would be back, and we are back with force. The Conservatives lost out because they haven't listened to the people. People want local parties who can have a say in the future of the area."

ICHC saw their share of the votes increase in most wards. Candidates Liz Davies and Cliff Brewer took Tory seats in Wibbenhall and Mitton respectively.

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Becky a hit on The Voice

BEWDLEY student Becky Hill is through to the next stage of The Voice after her first live performance.

The 18-year-old, who is part of Jessie J's team, performed Basement Jaxx's Good Luck on Saturday.

Viewers saw the sixth form student in rehearsals with her mentor and then wearing a sparkly playsuit, leather jacket and pink Doc Marten boots, she belted out the song, receiving a standing ovation from the judges.

Judge Danny told her: "You have an incredibly smoky tone, I would buy your record in a heartbeat."

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Brave Kris joins legend on money-raising walk

A MAN who battled leukaemia has raised nearly £1,300 for research into the disease.

Kris Griffin, aged 36, walked with cricketing legend Ian Botham for Leukaemia And Lymphoma Research and took seven-month-old son Luca with him.

He raised £1,100 and boosted the total by selling an Aston Villa football shirt signed by Sir Ian and members of the Villa squad on ebay.

Mr Griffin, of Selba Drive, Kidderminster, was diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukaemia, in February 2008. This was his third walk with Sir Ian.

He said: "The first walk was shortly after my diagnosis and when I received words of encouragement and faith from Sir Ian after the walk they meant the world to me."

Mr Griffin is fighting for other cancer victims to have access to vital drugs, which are under threat of being axed from the NHS. The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence has recommended that the Government stops providing the tablets.

He went to the Houses of Parliament to meet MPs as part of his campaign.

Garden goes public

THELMA and Cedric Qualye welcome visitors to Beaucastle Farm, Tanners Hill, on May 19 as part of the National Gardens Scheme. Their garden will be open 11am-5pm, and admission will be £3 for adults and free for children.

Competition success for salon pair

Laura Duce and Annabell Romao, owners of Duce and Romao

THE owners of a Bewdley hair salon have made it through to the regional final of a major competition.

Laura Duce and Annabell Romao, who run Duce and Romao in Load Street, are through to the Midlands final of the Wella Trend Vision Awards later this month.

The nationwide competition saw more than 3,000 salons enter from across the UK with only 16 entrants chosen to go to the regional finals.

Miss Duce said she and Annabell were very proud to have made it through to the next stage of the competition.

"The Wella competition has a huge profile within the industry and given we only opened the salon 18 months ago, it's a great achievement for the whole team," she said.

The stylists will take to the competition floor in Kenilworth on May 28 where they must style their model in one hour and present them to a panel of judges.

The London final is in October. The overall winners will represent the UK in an international competition and work with some of the industry's biggest names.

Appeal in hunt for burglars

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after burglaries at a coffee shop and an Indian restaurant in Stourport.

Cash was stolen from the Severn Tandoori restaurant in Bridge Street last Thursday. A tidy search had been made of the premises although damage was caused during the break-in.

Also last week there was break-in at The Courtyard Coffee Shop in Lombard Street. Again, there was some damage caused on entry and a tidy search made, but this time nothing was stolen.

Officers are investigating whether the burglaries are linked and want to hear from anyone who heard or saw any unusual activity at either of the premises.

Anyone with information should call police officers at Kidderminster police station on 101, quoting incident reference 72-S-030512.

Alternatively, contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Business on show

THE Wyre Forest Women In Business Group showcases its products and services in an exhibition at Wharton Park Golf Club, in Bewdley, next Thursday at 7pm. A raffle will raise money for KEMP Hospice. For details call Jo Beacham, chair of the group, on 07740 610522.

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MP urges help for schools

TORY MP Mark Garnier is tackling the Government on an imbalance in the school funding system which leaves pupils in Worcestershire with less.

Mr Garnier says Government-set cash allocations for primary and secondary pupils in the county are the lowest in the country.

He spoke up for teachers and pupils in the county in a debate on the subject.

He said: "Given that we have had that inequality for 20 years and that we have a very strained economic environment, it is vital that we resolve this problem as soon as possible and in the best way possible."

The Wyre Forest MP praised the commitment of local teachers.

He said: "It is a tribute to the teachers that they to work in those financially constrained conditions when they could move eight miles to Birmingham, where they would receive 45 per cent more money."

The Government published a consultation on the funding system in March.

Musical treat

KINVER will be alive with the Sound of Music when Kinver Light Operatic Society presents the musical from May 14 to 19 at Edgcliff High School. Tickets from 01384 836963 or via email to peter.twankey@blueyonder.co.uk

Heritage railway lines up events for summer

THE Severn Valley Railway organisers have announced a line-up of events for later this year.

They say the activities have been designed to appeal to visitors of all ages.

The railway runs between Kidderminster and Bridgnorth.

A series of evening scenic special trains will run along the line over the summer with the first taking place on June 2.

Trains will depart from Kidderminster station at 7pm and passengers can enjoy a leisurely journey to Bridgnorth.

People can also enjoy a fish and chip supper during the trip.

Other scenic evenings will be held on June 9 and 16, July 7, 14, 21 and 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25 and September 1, 8 and 15.

Tickets can be purchased on the evening and are priced £11 for adults, £10 for pensioners and £5.50 for children.

The return journey departs from Bridgnorth at 9pm and will arrive back at Kidderminster around 10pm.

A gala will be held at Bridgnorth on June 16 and 17 featuring a miniature railway, traction engine and stationary steam engines.

And visitors will be able to take a look behind the scenes at the railway on July 21 and 22.

Wills the way for charity

MFG Solicitors of Kidderminster raised £6,625 for a Sight Concern, a charity which supports people with failing sight. The cash was raised in a discounted will writing initiative. MFG partner Fiona Barnes said: "The response was tremendous."

Pupils' royal portraits to go on show

Noah Catherwood, Isobel Pudney, and Ewurama Tabil, left to right, excited that their pictures will go on show

PUPILS at a Kidderminster school are busy creating portraits of the Queen as part of their Diamond Jubilee studies.

Holy Trinity International School will put the pictures on display and then sell them to raise funds for a new school kiln.

Creative Arts Coordinator and Year 5 teacher Jo Powell, said: "Part of the children's Primary Years Programmeis to involve them in activities, such as learning about the diamond jubilee and the celebrations due to take place.

"They are thoroughly enjoying creating portraits of the Queen, and once completed, the school will have them professionally framed ready for the exhibition at the end of May."

The week-long exhibition will culminate in a sale as part of the school's fundraising initiatives, this time raising money for a kiln in art studio.

"The children are all really excited about the exhibition, creating some stunning portraits of the Queen which will look amazing once framed," said Mrs Powell.

"By purchasing a new kiln, our intention is to further extend the children's exposure to creative arts will incorporate ceramics and glassworks."

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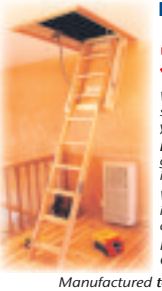

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Artists' paintings scoop prizes

Tess Round, Carolyn Lewis, Gloria Wild and Paul Hatton with their prize-winning art

FOUR members of Kidderminster Art Society were honoured for their work at the society's spring trophy competition and meeting.

At the event at Trimply Village Hall, 27 members exhibited their work and members voted to pick the winners. The first prize went to Gloria Wild for her painting River Severn, Second prize was won by Tess Round for The Woods, and in joint third place were Carolyn Lewis for Saundersfoot, and Paul Hatton for Ischia by night.

Work by these artists and other society members can be viewed at the society's spring exhibition at Stourport Library Gallery until May 31, during normal library hours.

Skills offer to volunteers

PEOPLE are being urged to try their hand at traditional countryside crafts.

Worcestershire County Council's Countryside Services Team holds events, workshops and courses giving people to learn skills such as woodland and orchard management, productive gardening and forestry crafts.

One group on a course near Bewdley, learnt the art of oak cleaving.

Lynn Yendell, Community Greenspace Officer, said this had a practical purpose as all the material formed from the oak logs would be used to make fencing in the Wyre Forest.

Ms Yendell said, "The workshop was a great opportunity for the volunteers to learn this ancient skill whilst being outdoors in the wonderful Wyre Forest.

"We are always looking to encourage new volunteers to try practical environmental volunteering and take part in a varied range of outdoor courses and workshops."

Volunteering opportunities and the chance to learn practical skills are available with the Worcestershire Countryside Service at their Country Parks and sites in Worcestershire. The Wyre Community Land Trust also runs weekly volunteer groups.

For more information on volunteering, visit the website at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/countryside

Alternatively contact the Wyre Community Land Trust at www.wclt.org.uk or call Lynn Yendell on 01905 766491.

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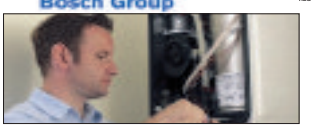

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School's leadership is praised by inspectors

A KIDDERMINSTER school has been graded good with outstanding features by Ofsted inspectors.

The inspectors found Baxter College was rapidly improving, with a good sixth form and was "exceptionally" well led and managed.

They described Principal Dave Seddon as a dedicated leader and the Habberley Road school was graded outstanding in leadership, management, and in its capacity for improvement.

Pupil achievement, quality of teaching and behaviour and safety of students were all graded as good.

Lesson observations revealed teaching was good with several instances of outstanding teaching seen, and teachers strove hard to raise aspirations.

Inspectors said: "Student achievement is rising quickly, through effective teaching and a carefully constructed curriculum that gives them plenty of opportunities to achieve well."

They found that students enjoyed lessons and school life, and were "overwhelmingly supportive" of Baxter. Many parents would recommend the school to others.

Inspectors said: "Almost all aspects of the school have improved substantially and are continuing to do so."

Mr Seddon said: "Yes we have done well, particularly as the new framework is considerably more demanding, but mediocrity will never be an option here and 'good' is another step towards the world-class school we are aiming to be."

Pupils get religious insight

Seven-year-old St John's pupils Aran Moore, Jacob Weaver and Emma Morris learn first hand about Judaism

YOUNGSTERS at a Kidderminster school have been getting to grips with world religions.

By the time pupils of St John's CE Primary leave the school, they will have studied six major religions, including a visit each year to a place of worship.

Year one visited St John the Baptist Church, and year two went to the Birmingham Progressive Synagogue. Year three children visited the Hindu Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) Temple, and year four went to Worcester Cathedral.

Pupils in year five learned about Islam and year six will be exploring the stained glass windows at St John's Church and visiting a Gurdwara.

RE leader Lorna Noon said the visits would give the children to have a greater understanding of the world.

Festival of music

A FAMILY music festival on May 19 at Hopleys campsite in Bewdley will have a line-up including belly dancing and full-on rock music. Workshops will be held throughout the day and there will be food and a fully-stocked beer tent available.

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Powell's predictions have not come true

WITH increasing incredulity I read a recent letter extolling the predictive accuracy of Enoch Powell's Rivers of Blood speech.

Despite his scholarly pretentions Powell was a bigot and a political opportunist, exploiting the real fears of ordinary people about jobs and housing by scapegoating immigrants, in the hope of gaining easy votes.

The inflammatory imagery of the speech I well remember, and how it made verbal abuse and physical attacks on people of the wrong colour apparently more acceptable.

But we have not had race riots or the interracial conflict he predicted. In fact Britain has the most racially mixed society in Europe and one of the highest rates of interracial marriage in the world.

Not that problems don't exist. It is clear that racism continues in institutions and society.

Those real problems of jobs and housing shortages still dominate the lives of ordinary people.

However we still have politicians who are prepared to scapegoat immigrants, rather than see the spotlight turned on them, the very wealthy class from which they are drawn and on whose behalf they pull the strings.

Hardly surprising that at a time when Cameron and Osborne are piling on the austerity for ordinary people, bankers' bonuses are allowed to continue and tax breaks for the rich are pushed through.

They talk about the failure of multiculturalism.

What they really want is for people to be blaming someone other than those at the top for the mess society is in.

Jerry Langford,
New Street,
Wordsley,
Stourbridge.

Bus lanes are priority for choked local roads

I WAS disappointed to read the suggestion from Councillor Patrick Harley that bus lanes in Dudley on Castle Hill and Tipton Road be looked at with a view to being removed.

In the off-peak, these roads run freely, suggesting that there isn't a problem with the presence of bus priority.

However, in the peak hours they assist greatly in keeping bus services running to time, allowing for connections to be made at Dudley bus station.

Indeed, the issue that should be addressed is that of abuse of the bus lanes by inpatient motorists.

Bus priority is essential on our crowded Black Country roads. We need more of it, not removal.

Phil Tonks,
Bus Users UK,
Stourbridge.

LETTERS to the Editor

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

Why desalination is not the answer

IN response to the letter from Mr Chandler regarding the proposal of desalinated water for domestic supplies: Desalinating water is an extremely expensive way of providing our water needs.

The carbon footprint from this method is immense. Huge amounts of electricity are required to desalinate the water. If we are attempting to reduce our carbon emmissions and subsequently reduce our carbon footprint this should not be a method for consideration.

We have plenty of water in the UK, we just can't store enough of it for times when we need it.

Furthermore, the water utility companies bleed vast quantities of drinkable water through a poorly maintained network of pipes.

I would suggest that larger resevoirs are needed so that we have a contingency for the drier times as and when they occur.

Chris Lloyd,
Kidderminster.

Lifeboat lessons not taken on board

THE Titanic was classed as unsinkable, so not many lifeboats were needed. Fast forward to 1945 and it seems nothing was learned.

Along with thousands of others, I was called up just after the war ended, and put on troopships.

We were put in hammocks and crammed in like sardines, and stuck in holds below the waterline.

Anyone on those ships will tell you that there weren't enough lifeboats to save us all if necessary.

And remember this was called peace time soldering, if you could call it that. According to the count at the memorial at Alrewas, Staffs, 16,000 gave their lives from 1945 up to now.

F H Jennings,
Ex-Palestine Veteran,
Mildenhall Road,
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Public can help protect area's historic buildings

MEMBERS of the public are being asked to help identify historic buildings in the Churchill and Blakedown areas so they can be better protected.

The Wyre Forest Local Heritage List aims to identify "heritage assets" of local significance that are not protected as listed buildings.

Producing a Churchill and Blakedown heritage list is the fourth phase of a scheme to identify such historic buildings in the district.

Local lists were adopted for Kidderminster in 2004, Stourport in 2006, Bewdley in 2008 and Wolverley and Cookley in 2009.

Mike Parker, the council's director of economic prosperity and place, said: "The draft list for Churchill and Blakedown has continued the process of identification of heritage assets in our district.

"The local list gives us the opportunity to recognise buildings and structures of local significance. We can then work with the owners on sympathetic alterations when planning permission is applied for, and so help to preserve the history and appearance of our district."

The draft list can be seen online at www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk and the consultation ends on June 11.

Growing help for hospice

VOLUNTEERS at a Kidderminster charity have been spending extra time in their potting sheds to help prepare for a fundraising plant fair.

KEMP Hospice hosts the fair on May 19, with Kidderminster Horticultural Society and a number of garden centres helping out.

Refreshments including homemade cakes will be available and Ele Millward, community fundraiser at KEMP, said staff were looking forward to welcoming people to the hospice.

"We had a great day last year and the event raised more than £700," she said.

"As well as the excellent choice of plants available at low prices, visitors can meet some of the volunteers and staff and have a look around."

All money raised from the plant sale will go towards supporting patients and their families coping with the challenges of life limiting illnesses such as cancer.

The hospice relies heavily on voluntary donations to raise the £850,000 needed each year to provide their full range of care services.

The fair takes place from 10am to noon at the hospice, which is in Mason Road.

Julie Hicks, administrator with the hospice's fundraising team, gets ready for the plant sale

Expert at meeting

HARTLEBURY Common Local Group will hear all about local fungi at its next meeting on May 14 at Stourport Boat Club, from expert Roy Mantle. It costs £3 to attend. For more information call 01299 877272.

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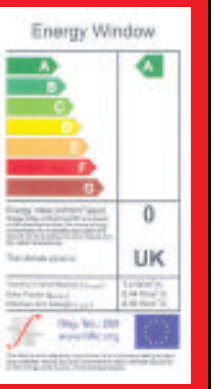

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Garden is in line for prize

STONE House Cottage, near Kidderminster has been shortlisted in the Most Beautiful Garden category in the Countryfile Magazine Awards 2012.

In its second year, the awards are a celebration of the countryside and its people. The 2012 awards were launched in the April issue of Countryfile Magazine, and feature 12 categories, from conservation projects and best heritage attractions to nature reserves.

The public can vote for their rural favourites.

Find details and a voting form on Countryfile Magazine's website at www.countryfile.com/awardsvote or you can email your votes to awards@countryfile.com

Voting closes on June 1.

Super-fast broadband brings hope for jobs and businesses

BT's investment in super-fast broadband could create thousands of jobs and businesses in Worcestershire in the next 15 years, says a new report.

The report, for BT by Regeneris Consulting, predicts the technology is capable of contributing hundreds of millions pounds to the local economy.

It will allow existing firms to operate more efficiently and to develop new products and services and make it easier for new businesses to get started through increasing use of innovations, such as cloud computing.

The report predicts that over the next 15 years BT's super-fast broadband investment could give the economy of a typical town a £143 million* boost , create 225 new jobs and 140 new start-up businesses.

For a typical city the figures are expected to be £296 million, around 430 new jobs and 320 business start-ups. There is also expected to be a big surge in flexible and home working.

The report says high-speed technology could result in about 1,000 more homeworkers in a typical town and around 1,500 in a city.

BT's £2.5 billion roll-out of super-fast broadband across the UK means the technology will be available to more than 1.13 million West Midlands homes and businesses when current and planned upgrades are completed.

The report shows BT last year gave Worcestershire's economy a £48 million boost and was responsible for the employment of around 400 people. BT's activities also supported around 740 more Worcestershire jobs through spending with suppliers and the expenditure of its employees.

John Dovey, BT's regional director for the West Midlands, said: "This report demonstrates the great benefits that BT's activities, including its investment in super-fast broadband, are delivering for the region and will continue to deliver. BT is playing a vital role in the prosperity and well-being of Worcestershire."

Course gets you buzzing

A LEISURE centre near Stourport is offering people the chance to take up new hobbies this spring thanks to adult learning courses.

A digital photography course for beginners has already started at Bishops Wood Centre, and another, called Bee Wise, an introduction to bees and beekeeping, begins on May 19. It costs £50, and runs from 10am until 4pm.

Gill Frankling, coordinator at the centre in Crossway Green, said: "We aim to give people the opportunity to engage with the natural world by trying new experiences which, hopefully, lead them to taking up new hobbies and interests."

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Kipling drama will explore cost of war

Beth Stevens as Elsie Kipling, Vilma Watson as Carrie Kipling, Tom Rees who plays Rudyard Kipling, and Matt Gibbons who is Jack, get ready for the curtain-up

AN emotionally charged play about Rudyard Kipling and his family, traumatised by the death of their son Jack in the First World War trenches comes to the Rose Theatre, Kidderminster, from May 14 to 19.

In David Haig's play, a cruel and ultimately useless war is fought out on stage both in the embittered home of the writer who became known as the Poet of Empire, and –with earthy language – in the muddy, bloody front line trenches of Loos in 1915.

The theatre of war will test actors and stage technicians to the limit. The thoughtful play reposes the question still resonating today: Are wars ever worthwhile? Or as Kipling says at the end of the play: "Are they all for nothing?"

People may have seen the film and television versions of the play starring the author alongside Daniel Radcliffe as his boy Jack.

But this staging of the Kiplings at war – both on the front and in their living room, promises to be a memorable and thought-provoking experience.

To book tickets contact the box office on 01562 743745 or visit www.rosetheatre.co.uk

Range of musical styles take to stage

A SERIES of musical evenings is being staged a Kidderminster church in styles ranging from folk and gospel to songs from the shows.

The shows will take place at St George's Church, in Radford Avenue.

Members of the Birmingham Community Gospel Choir will perform on May 19.

Acoustic folk group Whalebone will merge Celtic music with blues riffs when they take to the stage on June 30.

The next event will then be held on September 22 when 50-strong choir Tarantara perform songs from the musicals and other classic tunes.

All the shows start at 7.30pm.

Tickets can be reserved by calling Keith Mullard on 01562 67085 or Chris Tew on 01746 780788.

COMPETITION

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Serving up tickets for a show double

James Martin will be at the show to rustle up some culinary masterpieces

THE summer sees the return of BBC Gardeners' World Live and the BBC Good Food Show Summer to the NEC, and we're giving you the chance to win tickets to both shows.

From June 13-17, the shows promise gardening and food fans the ultimate day out.

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Exhibitors

BBC Gardeners' World Live has an impressive offering for lovers of the great outdoors, with experts including Monty Don, Alan Titchmarsh, Carol Klein, Adam Pasco and Joe Swift appearing in the BBC Gardeners' World Theatre.

There will be the fantastic RHS Show Gardens, top tips on the 'Grow Your Own' stage and Garden Walks. As well as a collection of students' work with Birmingham Borders, a display of Edible Patches and a fantastic family weekend.

Gadgets

This year's BBC Good Food Show sees top foodie faces including James Martin, the Hairy Bikers, Theo Randall, John Torode, Gregg Wallace and Glynn Purnell take to the stage in the Summer Kitchen.

In addition, there will also be key features like the MasterChef Experience – including the MasterChef Demonstration Stage and Restaurant – the Producers' Village and the FoodLovers Approved Area. There will also be hundreds of exhibitors offering the latest foodie produce and gadgets.

● For more information about the show, visit www.thenec.co.uk, and to buy tickets go to: www.bbcgardenersworldlive.com or 0844 581 1340 and www.bbcgoodfoodshowsummer.com or 0844 581 1341.

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Barbara's father, Victor Potts, in uniform, aged 18

Wilfred Potts in uniform

Victor, seen as sergeant

Jack Potts who was a corporal

Brothers in arms when the Potts went to war

LAST year's anniversary of Armistice Day on the 11th day of the 11th month of the 11th year of the new century, was a special one for many people who remembered loved ones who had served their country.

MEMORY LANE

By Barbara Fellows

Barbara Fellows, of Willenhall, was one of them.

She wore her father's medals with pride as she has done over the last few years as he is no longer with us.

Barbara points out that "during the war families were a lot bigger than now.

"My grandmother had 10 children, eight of which were boys and most of them who were old enough served their country.

"Looking through old records kept by my father I found an old newspaper cutting and the film Saving Private Ryan came to mind.

"My grandmother was widowed when most of the children were quite young and, as I said, most of the boys joined the forces when they were old enough.

"In the newspaper cutting Trooper A (Albert) Potts was my uncle (now deceased); Sergeant V (Victor) Potts was my father and Corporal J (Jack) Potts another uncle, also now deceased.

"Other brothers Wilfred, Joseph and Dennis also served.

"Dennis is the only surviving brother now in his 80s, unfortunately I don't have a photo of him in uniform.

"Imagine how my grandmother must have felt with nearly all her sons in constant danger.

"My father was invalided out of the army after being hit when the tank he was part of the crew of, was attacked.

"I'm sorry the newspaper cutting is a bit dishevelled but it is around 70 years old.

"The pension note shows my dad's injuries and, by the way, he never actually claimed his war pension until 1992, four years before he died in 1996 when he was 75 years old.

"Incidentally, Jack Potts went on to reach the rank of captain and served all over the world taking his wife and children with him.

"I hope this makes interesting reading and it helps to keep my father's memories and the family's alive."

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Trooper A. Potts.

The old newspaper cutting from the Chronicle's sister the Express & Star about the Potts brothers

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Motorists face misery of hold-ups

MOTORISTS faced the misery of delays this week when a set of traffic lights was installed ahead of work to build a new Tesco store and a housing estate in Stourport.

Lights were installed at the junction of Mitton Street and Severn Road, causing tailbacks through the town and towards Kidderminster.

The lights are part of continuing works on roads around the new store, which is being constructed on the old Carpets of Worth site in Severn Road.

'Being boring' allows financial firm to mark 40 years of success

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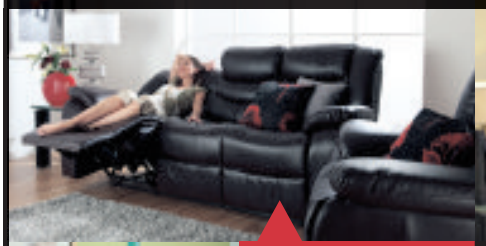

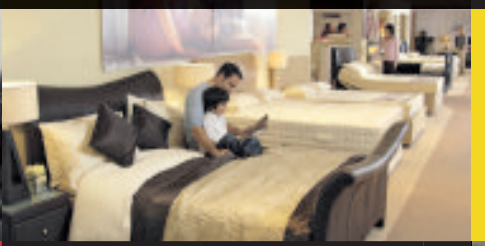

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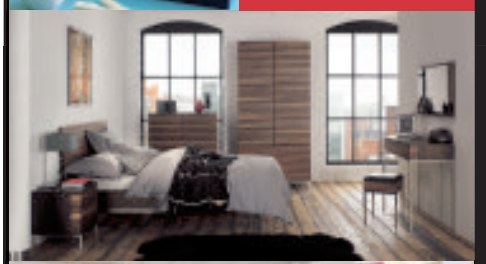

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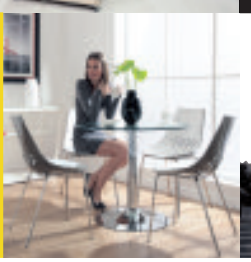

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Tycoon's wife tops the area rich list

THE Staffordshire-born wife of a Swiss pharmaceutical tycoon is the West Midlands' richest person after increasing her wealth by £530 million last year.

The latest edition of the Sunday Times Rich List showed Kirsty Bertarelli, originally from Stone and now also Britain's richest woman, saw her worth alongside husband Ernesto boosted to £7.4bn, putting her at the top of the region's wealth league and in sixth place for the UK.

The success of Staffordshire's JCB almost doubled the fortune of owner Sir Anthony Bamford and his family, now 20th nationally and second in the West Midlands, after £1.5bn was added to the family's worth.

Thanks

Mobile phone magnate John Caudwell, of Eccleshall, was third in the West Midlands and 42nd overall with £1.5bn.

Wolves owner Steve Morgan was 216th nationally with a fortune of £410m, up £10m on last year, partly thanks to the revived fortunes of his Redrow building business.

The owner of the West Bromwich 2 Sisters Food Group saw a £70m rise. Ranjit Singh Boparan and his wife Baljinder, both 43, are at 354 on the list and said to be worth £180m.

Led Zeppelin stars Jimmy Page and Kidderminster's Robert Plant were worth of £75m and £80m respectively.

Tories stay in charge but without overall majority

THE national swing away from the Conservatives in last week's council elections was echoed in the Wyre Forest.

The Tories lost their majority on the district council. Four of their seats went to Labour and the Independent Community Health Concern.

The party remains in control as the largest party with 20 out of 42 seats, while Labour and ICHC have eight each, the Liberal party has four and there are two independents.

The Tories lost Mitton in Stourport to ICHC with Cliff Brewer winning a 146-vote majority over Conservative John Holden.

The party also won the Wribbenhall ward. Liz Davies took a 66-vote majority over Tory Andy Tromans in a close-fought battle that also saw the Labour party's Paul Gittins get 401 votes, nine behind Mr Tromans.

Turnout

The Tories lost Habberley and Blakebrook.

Tory councillor Ken Prosser was beaten by Barry McFarland from the Labour party by 132 votes.

In Franche, Labour's Nigel Knowles took the seat from Conservative Nick Farress.

Voter turnout was 30.22 per cent.

After the results were announced, Conservative council leader Councillor John Campion said his party was still "by far the largest" on the authority but added people had shown they were "dissatisfied" with the government.

Deputy leader Councillor Marcus Hart retained his seat in the Sutton Park ward in Kidderminster with a 304-vote majority over ICHC.

Councillor Nathan Desmond and deputy leader Marcus Hart both celebrate holding on to their seats

Mumshad Ahmed, who joined Labour after he was thrown out of the Tory party for driving offences in 2009, lost his Broadwaters seat in Kidderminster to Mary Rayner of ICHC by just 38 votes.

The Tories held on to Oldington and Foley Park in Kidderminster by just five votes over Labour.

Cabinet member for resources Nathan Desmond got 261 votes, just beating Sam Arnold.

In the Bewdley Arley ward, Julian Phillips retained his seat with a 115 majority over the ICHC Linda Candlin.

Independent councillor Helen Dyke won a 503-vote majority over ICHC to retain her Aggborough and Spennells seat.

She said: "I'm delighted that people are still supporting me as a candidate rather than just following a party."

Liberal leader Fran Oborski, of Offmore and Comberton, was also re-elected.

How the votes were cast – ward by ward

*** Denotes incumbent party**

Aggborough and Spennells

Helen Dyke* (Ind) 826
Keith Robertson (ICHC) 323
Madeline Craddock (Con) 270
Vicky Smith (Lab) 173
Ronald Lee (Green) 61
Ind hold. Majority 503

Areley Kings

Jamie Shaw* (Lab) 774
John Thomas (ICHC) 467
Ken Henderson (Con) 357
Lab hold. Majority 307

Bewdley and Arley

Julian Phillips* (Con) 772
Linda Candlin (ICHC) 657
Robert Ireland (Lab) 448
Con hold. Majority 115

Broadwaters

Mary Rayner (ICHC) 619
Mumshad Ahmed* (Lab) 81
Juliet Smith (Con) 277
Esther Smart (Liberal) 81
Louise Ryan (Green) 80
ICHC gain. Majority 38

Franche

Nigel Knowles (Lab) 592
Caroline Shellie (ICHC) 441
Nick Farress* (Con) 435
Tony Baker (UKIP) 191
Phillip Oliver (Green) 36
Michael Troth (LD) 34
Lab gain. Majority 151

Greenhill

Graham Ballinger* (ICHC) 511
Steven Walker (Lab) 426
Rachel Lewis (Lib) 296
Sue Meekings (Con) 273
Alexandra Heelis (Green) 85
ICHC hold. Majority 85

Habberley and Blakebrook

Barry McFarland (Lab) 656
Ken Prosser* (Con) 524
Anthony Greenfield (ICHC) 404
Neil Jukes (UKIP) 178
Dave Finch (Green) 38
Lab gain. Majority 132

Lickhill

Brian Glass* (ICHC) 841
Dave Little (Con) 446
Rob Lloyd (Lab) 303
ICHC hold. Majority 395

Mitton

Cliff Brewer (ICHC) 713
John Holden* (Con) 567
Gary Watson (Lab) 278
Stephen Brown (Green) 110
ICHC gain. Majority 146

Offmore and Comberton

Frances Oborski* (Lib) 768
John Stevenson (ICHC) 444
Greta Smith (Con) 282
Lee Wright (Lab) 66
Lib hold. Majority 324

Oldington and Foley Park

Nathan Desmond* (Con) 261
Sam Arnold (Lab) 256
Nicky Martin (ICHC) 190
Heather Lacy (UKIP) 127
Angela Hartwich (Green) 21
Con hold. Majority 5

Rock

Douglas Godwin* (Con) 402
Jim Lawson (ICHC) 222
Gren Jones (Lab) 68
Con hold. Majority 180

Sutton Park

Marcus Hart* (Con) 636
Chris Thomas (ICHC) 332
Lynn Hyde (Lab) 307
Michael Wrench (UKIP) 196
Mike Whitebread (Green) 53
Con hold. Majority 304

Wribbenhall

Liz Davies (ICHC) 476
Andy Tromans* (Con) 410
Paul Gittins (Lab) 401
ICHC gain. Majority 66

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Distribution centre is at hub of creating 200 jobs

A BLACK COUNTRY freight business launched eight years ago is set to create 200 jobs over the next five years.

Pallet-Track has grown from employing just seven in January 2004 to 200 at its 267,000 sq ft hub at Millfields Road, Ettingshall.

Managing director and founder Nigel Parkes said his business had trebled in size since moving to its Titan Distribution Centre in 2008.

"We bucked the trend during the recession as well. From 2008 to 2009 we grew by 14 per cent," he said.

Group turnover has grown from £600,000 in 2004 to £70m this year.

Mr Parkes, aged 42, said Pallet-Track employed more than 3,500 across the country at its depots which have grown from 46 in 2004, to 75.

"The number employed at our headquarters will grow from 200 over the next five years to at least double – and that is at a conservative estimate," he said.

Aaron Myers, from Halesowen, scans goods

Simon Cooper, from Great Bridge, logging goods in and out of the depot

Forklift driver Damian Taylor, of Cradley Heath

Invested

The Wolverhampton hub operates Monday to Friday, coming alive at night with lorries pouring in from all over the country.

"Last year we invested £1.1m in buying a fleet of 40 custom-made forklift trucks for the distribution centre from Linde," added Mr Parkes,

The Wolverhampton hub is at 80 per cent capacity and Pallet-Track is already looking at future options.

"Whatever happens, we will retain a presence in the Black Country," Birmingham-born Mr Parkes pledged.

Pallet-Track originally operated from a 100,000sq ft premises in Woden Road West, Wednesbury.

It was handling 800 pallets a night initially but just this month reached a record of 9,000 in one night. The company has tens of thousands of customers across the country.

Businesses find it cheaper to use Pallet-Track's network rather than operate their own transport fleets.

Mr Parkes said the key to their success lay in efficiency and ensuring vehicles did not travel empty.

"We maximise the amount carried. Member companies bring their goods into the massive central warehouse and other members take them to other parts of the UK.

Mr Parkes said the business had the potential to grow and expand into Europe. He added: "The UK has the most efficient transportation system for freight transport in the world and a similar model can work in Europe. We are 10 years in front of our European counterparts."

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People flee flats in blaze drama

PEOPLE fled their homes and watched a neighbour leap from a window as a blaze threatened to engulf their properties in Kidderminster.

The drama started when a car parked just feet from from Melzer House in Queen Street, burst into flames. There were loud bangs as the heat cracked windows.

People living in the flats, many in their nightclothes, fled the building and saw one man jump about 15ft from a window.

They persuaded his partner not to jump, and she fled down the stairs.

Elaine Soley, aged 50, was staying at her sister-in-law Cheryl Harvey's flat and was reading in bed when she heard some youths go by and, a few minutes later, the curtains looked as though they were going up in flames.

"I ran out and got Cheryl and we ran outside," said Mrs Soley, formerly of Kidderminster but now living near Bournemouth.

"We were stunned when we saw a young bloke jump out of an upstairs window. The young woman he lives with was going to jump. We told her to go back and put some shoes on and come down the stairs, which she did."

The car was gutted and firemen say that, although the cause has not been established, arson is suspected.

Fast food really had to be so in the days of coaching inns

FOOD, inglorious food! We tend to think of fast food as an American concept from the 1950s.

But there has long been a need to buy food that is ready, and quick to eat.

Britain might not have given the world fine dining but we were definitely responsible for the sandwich!

If we look at Wolverhampton from 1800 onwards we can see that, far from a modern phenomenon, fast food has been a high street commodity from a surprisingly early date.

Two hundred years ago Wolverhampton was a major coaching centre. In the days before railways, and before much of the industrialisation that characterised the area, travellers' needs shaped the town.

A stone's throw from the Roman London to Holyhead Road, Wolverhampton, was an important stop en route to every part of the kingdom. Dudley Street was the centre of the coaching trade, boasting no fewer than a dozen public houses.

Needed

There were other important coaching inns in the city at High Green (Queen Square), Cock Street (Victoria Street) and North Street. In the 1820s, the Lion in North Street dealt with 20-30 coaches per day. Twenty years before, a young Princess Victoria had made her first journey to Wolverhampton, when her coach stopped briefly at the Lion on its way to Holyhead.

While some coaches just changed horses or drivers, hundreds of travellers needed to eat – and if ever food had to be fast, it was during the days of the stage coach.

Passengers stopped at each stage for only half an hour, and the food on offer usually included beef steaks, mutton chops, veal cutlets or ham and eggs (hence the name "chop houses" often applied to inns).

Landlords were often suspected of delaying their service so paying guests had no time to eat anything. The days of the stage coach were numbered with the advent of the railways. Restaurants were established at both the high and low level stations, and the centre of Wolverhampton ceased to serve as such a service station.

The railways brought other benefits. Sea fish, once an expensive rarity in the Midlands, became widely available. In early times, fish had been transported in barrels of sea water but often turned putrid.

Most people ate only freshwater fish, while the poor ate vast quantities of red herrings or kippers. The railways meant fish arrived fresh in the towns and cities.

However, in a time before refrigeration, it would not remain so for long. A visitor to Wolverhampton in the 1840s noted that fishmongers on the town's market could be smelled long before they were seen.

So the fish and chip trade that developed in the 1860s was partly in response to the need to dispose of stock that was "on the turn". Frying arrested the process of decay making old fish palatable. It could be sold at a profit to the workers in the rapidly expanding cities and towns.

Wolverhampton's population increased eight-fold between 1800 and 1900, and enterprising sorts seized the opportunity to provide them with ready-made foods. Street vendors and established traders also took advantage of the crowds that came to see football and horse racing.

Horrific

Fish and chip shops flourished in the industrial areas and poorer residential streets. Fish was fried in brew houses and kitchens and sold on.

Confectioners produced sweet and savoury pies, and street vendors and market traders sold cooked foods in the open air in horrific conditions that were barely regulated until the middle of the 20th century.

In 1900, a penny lick ice cream was served in a glass by street vendors. The customer licked the glass clean and returned it to the vendor, who promptly refilled it and offered it to another customer! This was eventually outlawed (not least because it spread tuberculosis) and edible cones were used.

During the 20th century, opportunities to eat out became more diverse. Music halls and cinemas served food, while stores like Beatties developed their own restaurants and cafes after the First World War. Coffee bars and milk bars served hot drinks and snacks, and workers' canteens sprang up at some of the big industrial firms.

Between the wars, many outlets opened seven days a week, like the Lyons tea shop on Queen Square, and until quite late at night, such as Beatties, which was open until 10pm.

After the pubs finished serving, the fish and chip shop was king, until the advent of more exotic cuisine after the Second World War, much of which stemmed from our imperial heritage. First Chinese and then Indian restaurants appeared.

They soon drew an enthusiastic clientele – not least because many of these new restaurants had licences allowing the customer to carry on drinking – and have remained part of our fast food culture today.

The Star and Garter was one of Wolverhampton's oldest coaching inns

The Birmingham Wonder Stage Coach fed the beginnings of fast food. Images courtesy of Wolverhampton Archives & Local Studies

J Lyons set up a chain of tea shops and restaurants, one in Queen Square

We all presume the takeaway is a modern invention, but it was on our streets more than 200 years ago. **SAM BADGER**, who won the Wolverhampton History Symposium with her study into fast food, explains

Start-up firms on the rise in region

MORE than 8,000 new companies have been registered in the Black Country and southern Staffordshire in the past year.

Business leaders welcomed the record numbers saying they show confidence by entrepreneurs and investors in the region.

In total, 8,158 new companies were registered last year in the Black Country, Wyre Forest, Cannock Chase and Stafford , compared to 7,339 in 2010 – an 11 per cent increase like-for-like.

The trend continued this year with figures compiled by business data company Duport showing 785 companies registering in the area in March.

Applaud

There were 58 start-up businesses registered in Dudley alone during.

Engineering, IT and retail companies are among the firms established.

Duport managing director, Peter Valaitis, said: "There are too many stories of decline right now, and it is places like the West Midlands that will drive this country towards a new era of economic success.

"We applaud the entrepreneurial spirit of those who are motivated to take control of their future."

Black Country chamber of commerce president, Paul Bennett, said: "This is great news and demonstrates the entrepreneurial spirit of local people.

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Gardener to spill beans

THE OWNER of a well-known garden centre near Stourbridge will give a talk in aid of charity later this month.

John Massey, who started Ashwood Nurseries as a teenager, will present his slide show called Spring into Summer on May 17.

Money raised will be donated to Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice.

It has been organised by the Kinver volunteer fundraising group and will be at St Peter's Church Hall at 7.30pm.

Tickets, £6, on 01384 877680.

Giant wind farm silos begin turbine trek

One of the silos leaves the Pressvess factory in Stallings Lane, Kingswinford

TWO huge metal silos that will be used to create off-shore wind farms across the globe have left the Midlands on the back of specialist lorries.

Kingswinford-based Pressvess has completed a £200,000 contract to create the two silos.

And the metal cylinders, measuring more than 30ft in length and 11ft in diameter, have now left the site.

Their departure marks the end of the month-long project.

They were taken from the firm, in Stallings Lane, aboard specialist lorries due to their size and weight. Each silo can contain 100-tons of cement and will be installed aboard ships used for the construction of large off-shore wind turbines.

They have been painted a distinctive sky blue colour and weigh more than 18 tons.

The firm, based in Stallings Lane, was contracted to create the containers by construction company Foundocean.

Concrete

After leaving the company, the silos will now be taken to Aberdeen and will then be transported to the construction ships.

They will be permanently installed to the boats so a large supply of concrete is available to crews working on the turbines at all times.

Pressvess spokesman Tom Mason said that the company was very proud of the work which it had done on the silos.

"It is great to think work we have created here in the Black Country will be going out across the globe to work on projects of this type," he said.

"These silos are very large and it has taken around a month to manufacture them.

"We were recommended to Foundocean by another customer of ours and we were delighted to work on a project of this kind."

Mr Mason said it was the third environmental project the firm had been involved in.

It has created a stainless steel water wheel and kilns for other projects.

Class fundraising

Teachers Rosie Hatton, Tony Bowles and Dave Boerm get ready for the challenge

FOUR intrepid teachers from Kingswinford will be lacing up their hiking boots to tackle three mountains in 24 hours.

The team from The Crestwood School are doing the Three Peaks Challenge and are aiming to raise at least £2,000 for charity.

They will climb Ben Nevis the tallest mountain in the British Isles standing at 4,409ft followed by Scaffell Pike and Snowdon on May 12.

The team is made up of deputy headteacher Tony Bowles and PE teachers Dave Boerm, Steve Evans and Rosie Hatton. All the money raised will be donated to Wolverhampton's Compton Hospice.

Mr Bowles said the pupils had been supporting their fundraising. "They have been bringing in pennies for us and we have raised quite a bit of money just through that," he said.

Mr Bowles added local businesses were also supporting their cause by providing their vehicle for the trip and food and drink.

To sponsor the team call 01384 816535.

Firm driving home its safety message

THE STOURBRIDGE-BASED Western region of Mansell Construction Services is promoting its company-wide safety initiative to businesses in its supply chain.

The company has been holding a series of drop-in workshops for its supply chain partners to allow them to become fully accredited "Make Safety Personal" partners under Mansell's Zero Harm initiative.

Zero Harm is a Mansell programme with the aim of completely eradicating accidents, injuries and long-term health issues from its many sites.

The initiative emphasises personal responsibility among employees.

Western Region operations manager Martin Farrell said Zero Harm was a vital initiative for Mansell and its supply chain partners, and he was delighted that more than 5,000 people now held a Mansell Passport to Work, 63 per cent of whom are in supply chain organisations.

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Toronto four-seater outdoor dining set including seat pads and parasol, £299 and bench, £99, John Lewis

Entertaining and relaxing outdoors is one of summer's pleasures. **Gabrielle Fagan** picks the most fashionable looks for the perfect patio

Just saying 'al fresco' conjures images of informal gatherings and leisurely meals enjoyed outdoors, but it's all about the setting.

There's no excuse for a poor patio these days as the design and quality of outdoor furniture improves year on year, with an ever more versatile range including day beds and coffee tables as well as traditional dining sets and weather-resistant loungers.

We've sourced the essential ingredients available from the high street and online so you can choose your garden kit, then sit back and wait for the sun!

SAIL AWAY STYLE

A chunky sofa and armchair in pale wood with plump sky blue cushions and a matching coffee table with built-in storage space could be irresistible: the Blooma Cavallo coffee table set, £699 from B&Q. Pull the look together with blue accessories from Matalan which has blue picnic ware, from £4.50 a set, a blue and white boathouse-style birdhouse, £8 (currently only available in stores), and lantern, £6.

Add a final jaunty seaside feel with a blue and white stripe seat cushion, £45, from The White Company.

BUDGET BUY: A blue Toronto four-seater outdoor dining set in white powder coated steel and mesh, including blue seat pads and parasol, £299, and bench, £99, both from John Lewis.

Contemporary – Blooma Cavallo coffee set, £699, from B&Q,

EXOTIC RATTAN

A generous-sized curved single sofa with footrest is currently reduced online from £999 to £699 from Homebase. Alternatively, make a statement with a weather-resistant high-backed rattan chair, £325 from Next.

Invest in a waterproof Sicilia home bar , black rattan bar and four stools, £795 from Alexander Francis.

BUDGET BUY: A synthetic rattan Havana collection, including seat pads, sofa, £499, armchair, £249, coffee table, £149, and side table, £99, all from Marks & Spencer.

NATURALLY ELEGANT

Conran's excellent range of garden furniture for Marks & Spencer focuses on comfort and elegance. Its high-back Faulks sofa, in teak interlaced with pewter-coloured tape, includes seat pads, and is £999. The matching armchair is £699, and footstool, £399.

Sunbathe on the Peru Deck Chair, £99.99 from Homebase, or daydream on a Leckford outdoor rocking chair, £299 from John Lewis. A naturally bleached Driftwood candle holder, £37 from OKA, is charming, or cast a soft glow in the evening with candlelight. Small square patterned tea light holders are £2.99 each from Homebase.

BUDGET BUY: Director's chair, £30 and wooden table, £40, both from Sainsbury's. One of this summer's winning products will definitely be a cool bar, £59.99 from Lakeland,.

URBAN CHIC

A Blooma Wake black metal garden day bed, with grey cushions, coast £499 from B&Q, is a stunner.

For divine dining it's hard to beat a handsome Palma six-seater dining set, with a cappuccino-coloured glass table top, which is on offer online at £499 (formerly £699) from Homebase. Shade from the sun is a must: overhanging parasol in cream, £79.99.

Add occasional seating – a barrel seat, in galvanised steel, £145 from Garden Trading – or prepare a feast on a Eva Solo charcoal barbecue, £399; its dome shaped lid, from £89; and table legs, £65, all from Cloudberry Living.

BUDGET BUY: Cannes patio collection features white coated aluminium pieces combined with fine outdoor mesh fabric. Double deck chair, £299, glass dining table, £299, dining chair, £129, all from Dwell.

Relax in style with this Peru deck chair, available from Homebase at £99.99

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A grit and saintly mix

Scott Matthews, Dan Whitehouse, Newhampton Arts Centre, Wolverhampton

THE Newhampton Arts Centre is one of Wolverhampton's best kept secrets but on Friday people flocked to it to see two of Wolverhampton's talented musicians Scott Matthews and Dan Whitehouse .

Scott has a depth, grit and yet creaminess to his voice as he stands almost saint-like, his voice starting off close to just a murmur before building up to a wall of sound.

There is something almost spiritual to his voice at times, it has some of the qualities of Gregorian chant but then can jump from this into Obsession Never Sleeps, an electric sound evoking thoughts of a 1960s dance club.

His wonderful track, Up On the Hill, was the kind of music that could easily feature in a Quentin Tarantino film.

Scott's fellow Wulfrunian, Dan Whitehouse, has matured to become a consummate showman, taking the rise out of himself between songs and getting the audience to warm to him.

Dan is an incredibly talented musician and songwriter.

He is willing to be innovative and can move from the melodic ballad to a harder edged sound with such ease.

His debut album will be available from May 23.

Danny Farragher

Mystery as the newlyweds cruise down river of death

THE Agatha Christie Theatre Company presents a stylish new production of the queen of crime's classic thriller Murder On The Nile, at Wolverhampton Grand from Monday, May 21.

Former Dynasty star Kate O'Mara leads a star-studded cast as an awful English snob on an Egyptian cruise. The other actors include Denis Lill as clerical sleuth Canon Pennefather, who was transformed into Belgian detective Hercule Poirot for the movie version.

Also among the Nile steamer's passengers are Coronation Street's Chloe Newsome, Susie Amy from Footballer's Wives, Ben Nealon of Soldier Soldier and former 1960s pop idol Mark Wynter.

Honeymoon

A honeymoon under the scorching Egyptian sun turns sour as the bridegroom's old flame pursues the newly-weds. Tragedy strikes and holidaying Canon Pennefather is drawn into a web of intrigue, deceit and murder.

Murder On The Nile follows a number of hugely popular plays based on Agatha Christie stories presented at the Lichfield Street venue. This arrival promises plenty of twists during its run until May 26.

In a scene from Agatha Christie's Murder On The Nile are, from left, Ben Neaslon, Susie Amy and Denis Lill

Has Paul got views for you

Paul Merton, Wolverhampton Grand

JUST what goes on in Paul Merton's head?

Quite a lot judging by his improvisation skills and panel show performances. And the audience here got a glimpse of the comic's mind.

In a return to his stand-up days, Merton – with the help of Richard Vranch, Lee Simpson and wife Suki Webster – tackled the subject of mental health in semi-autobiographical style, harking back to his early days and his time spent in the Maudlsey psychiatric hospital

In a fully rehearsed and scripted show there were many gags and clever stagework as he dealt with the subject – a difficult one to tackle – in a self-deprecating way. The one-liners got the biggest laughs.

Mark Shipp

Gemma set to shine with Glee

IRISH singer/songwriter Gemma Hayes is about to kick off her Let It Break – The Acoustic Tour which starts on May 15 in Reading and brings her to the Glee Club in Birmingham on Sunday, May 27.

The tour is named after the Tipperary singer's latest and fourth album out now in the UK and released on her own label. She will be releasing a single from the album called Shock to the System.

Doors open 7pm and tickets are £10. For more information go to www.gemmahayes.com

Jazz, bass and ballet

Three Short Works, Birmingham Royal Ballet, Crescent Theatre, Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet's contribution to its home city's international dance festival was a triple bill that showed the breadth of ballet, danced to music from clattering drum 'n' bass to cool jazz via romantic piano pieces.

BRB dancer and Warwickshire native Kit Holder expanded his dazzling Printer Jam duet, first seen last year, into a 20-minute ballet 9-5 charting a bad day at the office. Holder's choreography was dynamic and witty. The business suited male and female dancers twirled and sped along on office chairs in a power game over the office new boy and girl. Samara Downs was exceptional as the aggressive harpie-like female boss.

Inventive

In contrast, another new commission Lyric Pieces is a romantic work drawing on Nordic folklore, danced to piano pieces by Edvard Grieg (pianist Jonathan Higgins was excellent). American choreographer Jessica Lang's ballet is also highly inventive with the dancers creating their own scenery whilst performing by using rolls of black corrugated paper. Perfect timing saw environments morph and form around the dancers, which included an elegant dance by Yvette Knight and a delightful one by Maureya Lebowitz.

The company's director David Bintley left his mark on the evening with a revival of Take Five, his short jazz ballet to the music of the Dave Brubeck Quartet. The dancers expressed the cool finger-snapping sounds in movement inspired by 1950s and 60s dance (think West Side Story or Young Generation), enhanced by costumes from the era. It was Bintley at his audience-pleasing best and the combination of BRB principals Elisha Wills and Robert Parker in the Two Step was captivating.

Dance fans will get another opportunity to see Lyric Pieces and Take Five, presented with Hans van Manen's Grosse Fuge, at Birmingham Hippodrome from September 26 to 29.

Leon Burakowski

Tale with twist end

There Was An Old Woman Who Swallowed A Fly, Wolverhampton Grand

THERE was an old lady who swallowed a fly . . . she died of course.

We all know the ending, but this stage production steered clear of that in a show that entertained children of all ages.

Imaginary use of puppets from the two male players showed the old lady eating all the different animals, like a cat, a spider and a horse.

The story's traditional ending was given a twist as the audience was asked to help the professor fix a time machine so they could discover how it all really concluded.

Mark Shipp

Fantasy quests for Xbox 360

FABLE and Skyrim fans can get a fantasy fix with the new Enhanced Edition of **The Witcher 2: Assassins of Kings** (18).

It looks sensational and thematically is a blend of Fable and Assassin's Creed though the playing experience isn't as smooth as those blockbusters.

A fun option for Fable fans is **Fable Heroes** (7) on Xbox Live. It's a platform coin-collecting game in which Fable characters and its Albion settings are given a cute makeover.

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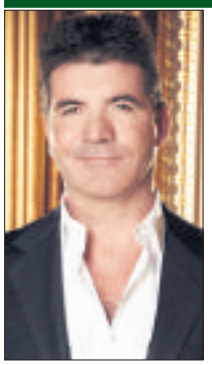

BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT – THE LIVE FINAL

ITV1, 7.30pm

After seven rounds of auditions and five semi-finals, the national talent search comes to a close as the 10 finalists perform one more time. Their aim: to follow in the footsteps of previous winners Paul Potts, George Sampson, Diversity, Spelbound and Jai McDowall and win a slot at the Royal Variety Performance, as well as getting their hands on the £500,000 cash prize. All they have to do is impress the voting public, for while Simon Cowell and his fellow judges may be poised with their buzzers, their opinion tonight counts for nothing – who wins is all down to the viewers at home.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Qualifying. Coverage from the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.15** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Wigan Warriors v St Helens (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **4.45** Film: Madagascar. (2005) Animated adventure, with the voice of Ben Stiller.

6.10 The Voice UK. Team Tom and Team Will take the stage again, and the stakes are even higher as tomorrow each group of four will face a double elimination, leaving the mentors with two acts each. The results can be seen tomorrow at 7.25pm.

7.45 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Quiz show, including the all-important numbers.

8.40 Casualty. Dylan and Sam come to an uneasy truce.

9.30 BBC News; Weather.

9.50 FILM: The Proposal. (2009) Premiere. A Canadian publishing editor trying to avoid deportation from the US bribes her assistant to marry her. Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock; National Lottery Update.

11.35 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. With guest host Alexander Armstrong. (R)

12.20 Film: Things to Do Before You're 30. (2004) Comedy drama, starring Dougray Scott. **1.55** Weatherview. **2.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** The Sky at Night. (R) **12.20** Film: Picnic. (1955) Drama, with William Holden. **2.10** Film: Bye Bye Birdie. (1963) Musical, starring Dick Van Dyke. **4.00** Flog It! **5.00** Antiques Road Trip.

6.00 BBC Young Musician 2012. The competition heats up as the winners of the keyboard, brass, strings, woodwind and percussion categories perform in front of the panel of judges in the semi-final.

7.30 Dad's Army. Jones's reputation is tarnished by an old comrade's allegations about their time together in the Sudan. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe and Clive Dunn. (R)

8.00 The Story of Light Entertainment. The enduring success of the chat show, charting how the format has entertained and influenced the British public. With Michael Parkinson, Terry Wogan and David Frost. (R)

9.00 I Love 1979. Bo Derek presents a nostalgic look at the year notable for such cultural highlights as stretch jeans, Quadrophenia and The Dukes of Hazzard. Last in the series. (R)

10.00 Top of the Pops: 1977. With Slade, Leo Sayer and Donna Summer. (R)

10.35 FILM: Cabaret. (1972) Oscar-winning musical, starring Liza Minnelli.

12.35 Film: Carry On England. (1976) Military comedy, starring Kenneth Connor. **2.00** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.15** ITV News; Weather. **1.25** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **1.35** Film: Carry On Cruising. (1962) Comedy, starring Sid James. **3.15** Film: Dr No. (1962) James Bond spy thriller, starring Sean Connery. **5.20** Regional News ; Weather.**5.30** ITV News; Weather. **5.45** Keith Lemon's LemonAid.

6.30 The Cube. Olympic gold medallists Denise Lewis and Sally Gunnell each compete in up to seven challenges, hoping to win cash for charity. Phillip Schofield presents. Last in the series.

7.30 Britain's Got Talent – The Live Final. The 10 finalists compete as the talent show comes to a close. The judges are on hand with their buzzers, but the ultimate decision rests with the voting public. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 FILM: Ocean's Twelve. (2004) The crooks reunite when an old enemy demands they pay back the money they stole from him three years earlier. Crime caper sequel, with George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts.

12.25 The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.15** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** European Rallycross. **7.05** FIM Superbike World Championship 2012. **7.30** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** The TV Book Club. **9.30** T4: Koko Pop. **10.05** T4: Dark Shadows: T4 Movie Special. **10.40** T4: Made in Chelsea. **11.45** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.15** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.45** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.20** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.00 Channel 4 News.

6.30 4thought.tv. A member of the public reflects on whether people should be allowed to use medical techniques to 'design' their babies.

6.35 FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring. (2001) An unassuming hobbit must destroy a magical ring before it falls into evil hands. Part one of the fantasy trilogy, with Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Viggo Mortensen, Sean Astin and Christopher Lee.

10.00 FILM: Transporter 3. (2008) An underworld courier transports the kidnapped daughter of a crooked politician across Europe. Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham and Natalya Rudakova.

12.00 Rude Tube: Love Bytes. (R) **1.00** Stand Up for the Week. (R) **1.45** Film: The Fisher King. (1991) Drama, with Robin Williams and Jeff Bridges. **4.05** Smallville. (R) **4.45** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.15** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.45** The Gadget Show: World Tour. (R) **11.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.45** War Hero in My Family. (R) **1.45** Film: Major Dundee. (1965) Western, starring Charlton Heston and Richard Harris. **4.10** Film: Return of the Seven. (1966) Western sequel, starring Yul Brynner, Robert Fuller and Warren Oates.

6.00 5 News Weekend.

6.05 Ben Hur. A Jewish prince betrayed by his Roman friend and sold into slavery seeks revenge. Historical drama, starring Joseph Morgan, Ray Winstone and Stephen Campbell Moore. (R)

9.30 CSI: NY. Parts of a dismembered body are discovered on four street corners, triggering an investigation that eventually leads Mac and the team to suspect Russian mobsters may be responsible.

10.30 Live Boxing. Kid Galahad v Josh Wale. Coverage of the bout for the WBC International Super Bantamweight title at the Hillsborough Leisure Centre in Sheffield.

12.00 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming offering viewers the chance to win cash on roulette, blackjack and autowheel. **4.00** Great Artists. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. Historical spotlight on scenic counties in the UK. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.35 Holiday Showdown **4.35** One Direction: A Year in the Making **5.35** Film: A Cinderella Story (2004) **7.30** Film: The Scorpion King (2002) **9.15** The Planet's Funniest Animals **9.45** Nicki Minaj: The Hot Desk **10.00** Britain's Got More Talent Final **11.00** Celebrity Juice **11.45** Keith Lemon's LemonAid

ITV3
2.55 Wycliffe **4.00** Film: Murder, She Wrote: The Celtic Riddle (2003). Mystery, starring Angela Lansbury and Fionnula Flanagan. **5.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis **11.00** A Touch of Frost

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kolkata Knight Riders v Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings v Delhi DareDevils. **8.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **9.30** Film: Jaws (1975)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who **8.05** Top Gear **9.15** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.00** Film: Con Air (1997). Action thriller, starring Nicolas Cage, John Cusack, John Malkovich and Steve Buscemi. **11.50** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 South Pacific **8.00** Lost Kingdoms of Africa **9.00** The Bridge **11.00** Parkinson: The Orson Welles Interview **11.40** Do We Really Need the Moon?

E4
3.05 Made in Chelsea **4.10** Charlie's Angels **5.05** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Rules of Engagement **8.30** Happy Endings **9.00** Film: The Beach (2000) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory

FILM4
2.45 Carry On Cabby (1963) **4.35** Mighty Joe Young (1998) **6.45** The Princess Diaries (2001). Family comedy, starring Anne Hathaway. **9.00** John Tucker Must Die (2006) **10.45** Inglourious Basterds (2009)

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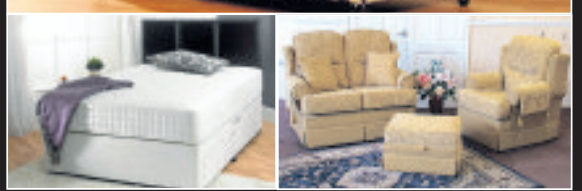

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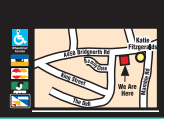

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VERA
ITV1, 8pm

This time, Vera and DS Joe Ashworth are called to an army barracks, where they team up with Military Policewoman Shep. The body of commanding officer Devaney, known as Dev for short, has been found, and although it initially appears he's committed suicide, a closer inspection of the scene reveals he was murdered – but who wanted him dead? Vera decides Dev's close friends and loyal comrades Vince and Budgie may hold the key, although a link to Ollie, a soldier killed in Afghanistan, could also prove valuable as the net closes in on a murderer who may have been responsible for more than one death. Barbara Marten and Clare Calbraith guest star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix. Coverage from the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.15** Tiger – Spy in the Jungle. (R) **4.15** Points of View. **4.30** Final Score. **5.25** Songs of Praise.

6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.25 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison explore Exmoor.
7.25 The Voice UK Results. Tom Jones and Will.i.am lose two more acts each.
8.00 Planet Earth Live. Richard Hammond and Julia Bradbury continue the wildlife event following newborn baby animals across the world, from lion cubs in Kenya to bears in Minnesota. Continues Wednesday.
9.00 Death in Paradise. A voodoo priestess is found dead after predicting her own murder – and while the team thinks her prophecy has come true, Richard believes it is simply an old-fashioned killing. (R)
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Match of the Day. Highlights from the final day of the Premier League season.

12.00 Film: Perfect Creature. (2006) Vampire thriller, starring Dougray Scott and Saffron Burrows. **1.20** Weatherview. **1.25** Sign Zone: Empire. (R) **2.25** Holby City. (R) **3.25** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **12.45** Film: North West Frontier. (1959) Action adventure, starring Lauren Bacall, Kenneth More, Herbert Lom and Wilfrid Hyde White. **2.50** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Catalans Dragons v Warrington Wolves (Kick-off 3.10pm). **5.15** Formula 1: The Spanish Grand Prix – Highlights.

6.00 BBC Young Musician 2012. Clemency Burton-Hill and Josie D'Arby present as the three finalists perform a concerto of their choice with the Northern Sinfonia at the Sage Gateshead. Last in the series.
8.00 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. The adventurer travels from the south of Kenya to the Horn of Africa, along the way joining a Ugandan peace-keeping force in Mogadishu, the capital of war-torn Somalia.
9.00 Coast. New series. Investigating the lifestyles, history and legends of Britain.
10.00 The Lost World of the Seventies. Profiles of four colourful public figures in the 1970s.
11.00 Episodes. The sitcom Pucks! premieres in America. (R)
11.30 Grandma's House. Simon arranges a visit to the therapist for Grandma. (R)

12.00 Film: Ae Fond Kiss. (2004) Romantic drama, starring Atta Yaqub and Eva Birthistle. **1.40** BBC News. **4.15** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.30** The Cube. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **1.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **2.30** Film: Columbo: Last Salute to the Commodore. (1976) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **4.30** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **5.30** You've Been Framed! (R)

6.00 Regional News; Weather.
6.15 ITV News; Weather.
6.30 All Star Family Fortunes. Coronation Street's Samia Ghadie takes on former castmate Bill Tarmey. Last in the series.
7.30 Emmerdale. Zak is sectioned under the mental health act, and Lisa is forced to tell a shocked Debbie the truth about Cain's attack.
8.00 Vera. The detective investigates a suspicious death in an army barracks that was designed to look like a suicide, and uncovers a traumatic event that nobody wants to talk about.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.15 David Jason's Greatest Escapes. The actor examines wartime escapes that inspired films and dramas. (R)
11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights of the semi-finals.

12.10 The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.15** British Superbike Championship Highlights. (R) **3.05** Motorsport UK. **3.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** FIA GT1 World Championship. **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.10** The Big Bang Theory. **12.40** The Big Bang Theory. **1.10** The Simpsons. (R) **1.40** The Simpsons. (R) **2.10** Film: Runaway Bride. (1999) Romantic comedy, with Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. **4.25** Deal or No Deal. **5.25** Time Team.

6.25 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv. A short film exploring views on whether technology should be used to determine the characteristics of genetically designed babies.
7.00 Celebrity Deal or No Deal. Singer Peter Andre takes part in the game show, trying to guess the value of the mystery boxes and win up to £250,000 for his chosen charity.
8.00 FILM: The Twilight Saga: New Moon. (2009) Premiere. Vampire Edward leaves his human girlfriend Bella for her own safety, driving her into the arms of a werewolf. Romantic fantasy, with Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson.
10.35 FILM: Because I Said So. (2007) Premiere. Comedy drama, starring Diane Keaton.

12.25 Film: Uski Roti. (1970) Drama, starring Garima and Gurdeep Singh. **2.20** The Birthday. (R) **2.35** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.35** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.20** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.35** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **10.00** Zoo Days. (R) **10.05** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.00** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **12.00** Film: Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed. (2004) Comedy adventure sequel, with Sarah Michelle Gellar. **1.45** Film: Miss Congeniality. (2000) Comedy, with Sandra Bullock. **3.55** Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment. (1985) Comedy sequel, with Steve Guttenberg. **5.35** Film: The Witches. (1990)

7.35 Ultimate Police Interceptors.
8.00 Once Upon a Time.
9.00 World's Scariest Animal Attacks.
9.55 5 News.
10.00 FILM: The Bone Collector. (1999) Thriller, starring Denzel Washington.

12.20 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. **4.50** Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.40 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Britain's Got Talent Special **4.25** Britain's Got Talent – The Live Final **7.00** Britain's Got More Talent Final **8.00** Britain's Got More Talent: Funniest Moments **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Film: Tomorrow Never Dies (1997)

ITV3
2.55 Film: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) **4.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Film: The American President (1995) **10.20** Agatha Christie's Marple

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Rajasthan Royals v Pune Warriors and Kings XI Punjab v Deccan Chargers. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Police Academy (1984) **11.00** Film: The Kingdom (2007)

BBC THREE
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel **7.25** Film: 101 Dalmatians (1996) **9.00** Don't Tell the Bride USA **9.50** Don't Tell The Bride: Greatest Moments **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Russell Howard's Good News

BBC FOUR
7.00 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2010 **8.00** Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity **9.00** Grand Prix: The Killer Years **10.00** Film: Apocalypto (2006)

E4
3.35 Glee **4.35** 90210 **5.35** The Big Bang Theory **6.35** Film: The Day After Tomorrow (2004) **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** 2 Broke Girls **11.30** Made in Chelsea

FILM4
2.50 The Hindenburg (1975) **5.15** The Spiderwick Chronicles (2008). Fantasy adventure, starring Freddie Highmore. **7.05** The Truman Show (1998). Media satire, starring Jim Carrey. **9.00** Trading Places (1983) **11.20** Dead Man's Shoes (2004)

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Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Heir Hunters. (R) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Robbed, Raided, Reunited. **11.30** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Bang Goes the Theory; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** The Truth About Tax – Panorama. **9.00** Chatsworth. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** A Question of Sport. **11.05** The Graham Norton Show. (R) **11.50** Film: Dan in Real Life. (2007) Romantic comedy, with Steve Carell and Juliette Binoche. **1.25** Weatherview. **1.30** Sign Zone: Our Food. (R) **2.30** Super Smart Animals. (R) **3.30** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.15** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.45** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** Nature's Top 40. (R) **1.30** Instant Restaurant. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. (R) **3.00** Wanted Down Under. (R) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Antiques Road Trip. **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** Mark Zuckerberg: Inside Facebook. (R) **9.00** The 70s. **10.00** Sounds of the 70s 2 Guilty Pleasures – Love Will Keep Us Together. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** This World: Michael Portillo's Great Euro Crisis. (R) **12.20** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Rosemary & Thyme. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** The Dales. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** 56 Up. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: The Interpreter. (2004) Political thriller, starring Nicole Kidman and Sean Penn. **12.55** Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** Champions League Weekly. **3.25** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Secret Millionaire Ireland. **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** The Restoration Man. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Bites. (R) **12.20** Glamour Puds. (R) **12.50** Film: Escape to Athena. (1979) Second World War adventure, starring Roger Moore. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Watching the Detectives: Channel 4 Dispatches. **9.00** The Secret Millionaire. **10.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. **11.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut. **11.50** Random Acts. **11.55** Film: Road, Movie. (2009) Premiere. Comedy drama, starring Abhay Deol. **1.40** Film: Peggy Sue Got Married. (1986) Comedy, starring Kathleen Turner. **3.25** F2.8. (R) **3.45** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.35** Smallville. (R) **5.15** Deal or No Deal. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Highland Emergency. (R) **12.45** Mexican Food Made Simple. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Mentalist. (R) **3.15** Film: Desperate Escape. (2009) Mystery thriller, starring Elisabeth Rohm. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** World's Scariest Weather; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** The Gadget Show: World Tour; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. **10.00** The Walking Dead. **11.25** Film: Quarantine. (2008) Premiere. Horror remake, starring Jennifer Carpenter. **1.05** SuperCasino. **3.55** House Doctor. (R) **4.20** HouseBusters. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Heir Hunters. (R) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Robbed, Raided, Reunited. **11.30** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** Silk. New series. Martha defends a gangster accused of blinding a car-wash attendant. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather.; National Lottery Update. **10.35** The Matt Lucas Awards. **11.10** Kevin Bridges: What's the Story? (R) **11.40** The Estate. **12.10** Weatherview. **12.15** Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) **1.15** Super Smart Animals. (R) **2.15** Horizon. (R) **3.15** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **3.45** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.30** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** Nature's Top 40. (R) **1.30** Instant Restaurant. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. (R) **3.00** Wanted Down Under. (R) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Antiques Road Trip. **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** The Town Taking on China. **9.00** Great Ormond Street. The work of two surgeons in the hospital's General Surgery unit. **10.00** Later Live – with Jools Holland. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** The 70s. (R) **12.20** BBC News. **3.55** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Rosemary & Thyme. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Countrywise Kitchen. **8.00** Martin Clunes – Horsepower. (R) **9.00** Dirty Britain. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Celebrity Juice. **11.20** Nature's Fury: Hurricane. (R) **12.15** Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** Loose Women. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Secret Millionaire Ireland. **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** The Restoration Man. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Bites. (R) **12.20** Glamour Puds. (R) **12.55** Film: The Professionals. (1966) Western adventure, starring Burt Lancaster and Lee Marvin. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. **9.00** Hidden Talent. **10.00** Sex, Lies and Rinsing Guys. **11.05** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **12.10** Random Acts. **12.15** Poker. **1.20** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **1.45** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. **2.10** The Grid. (R) **2.40** European Rallycross. (R) **3.05** FIA GT1 World Championship. (R) **4.00** FIM Superbike World Championship 2012. **4.25** Road to London 2012: Paralympics Extra. The different varieties of football played at the Games. (R) **5.20** Deal or No Deal. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Highland Emergency. (R) **12.45** Mexican Food Made Simple. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** Law & Order. (R) **3.15** Film: Sacrifices of the Heart. (2007) Drama, starring Melissa Gilbert. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** World's Scariest Weather; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** War Hero in My Family; 5 News at 9. **9.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **10.00** CSI: NY. (R) **11.00** CSI: NY. (R) **12.00** CSI: Miami. (R) **12.55** SuperCasino. **3.55** House Doctor. (R) **4.20** HouseBusters. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R)

Wednesday

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BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** Daily Politics. **1.00** See Hear. **1.30** Instant Restaurant. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. (R) **3.00** Wanted Down Under. (R) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Antiques Road Trip. **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** Antiques Uncovered. **9.00** Felicity Kendal's Indian Shakespeare Quest. **10.00** The Apprentice: You're Fired. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** The Town Taking on China. (R) **12.20** BBC News. **3.20** BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Secret Millionaire Ireland. **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** The Restoration Man. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** SuperScrimpers. (R) **1.05** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from York. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Secret Eaters. **9.00** 24 Hours in A&E. **10.00** The Killing. **10.55** 2 Broke Girls. **11.30** Desperate Housewives. **12.30** Random Acts. **12.35** Music on 4: Great Escape Festival 2012. **1.05** Music on 4: Spotlight. **1.20** Music on 4: 4Play: Spector. **1.30** Music on 4: 4Play: We Are Augustines. **1.45** Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions: King Charles. (R) **2.00** Music on 4: Launched at Red Bull Studios. (R) **2.10** Music on 4: The Crush. **3.05** Smallville. (R) **3.50** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Highland Emergency. (R) **12.45** Mexican Food Made Simple. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** Law & Order. (R) **3.15** Film: Defending Our Kids: The Julie Posey Story. (2003) Premiere. Fact-based drama, starring Annie Potts. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** The Gadget Show: World Tour; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Emergency Bikers; 5 News at 9. **9.00** NCIS. **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) **10.55** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) **11.55** Poker: The Big Game. **12.55** SuperCasino. **3.55** House Doctor. (R) **4.20** HouseBusters. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Heir Hunters. (R) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Robbed, Raided, Reunited. **11.30** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Planet Earth Live. More animal antics as-it-happens. **9.00** New Tricks. DNA testing helps identify a body found in 1996. (R) **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Question Time. **11.35** This Week. **12.20** Holiday Weatherview. **12.25** Sign Zone: The Truth About Tax – Panorama. (R) **12.55** Countryfile. (R) **1.55** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **2.55** Modern Spies. (R) **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** Nature's Top 40. (R) **1.30** Instant Restaurant. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. (R) **3.00** Wanted Down Under. (R) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** London 2012: The Olympic Flame Handover. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Antiques Road Trip. **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** Two Greedy Italians: Still Hungry. **9.00** The Great Euro Crash with Robert Peston. **10.00** Grandma's House. Tanya and Simon are thrilled when things begin looking up for him. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** The Town Taking on China. (R) **12.20** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Highland Emergency. (R) **12.45** Mexican Food Made Simple. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** Law & Order. (R) **3.15** Film: I Dream of Murder. (2006) Mystery, starring Jolene Blalock. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Cricket on Five; 5 News Update. **8.00** World's Scariest Drivers; 5 News at 9. **9.00** The Restaurant Inspector. **10.00** Film: Snatch. (2000) Comedy drama, starring Jason Statham. **12.00** SuperCasino. **3.55** House Doctor. (R) **4.20** HouseBusters. (R) **4.45** Nick's Quest. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R)

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BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** Hands on Nature. (R) **1.30** Instant Restaurant. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. (R) **3.00** Wanted Down Under. (R) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Antiques Road Trip. **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** Coast. (R) **8.30** Gardeners' World. **9.00** Maestro at the Opera. **10.00** Episodes. Matt buys Sean the sports car of his dreams in an effort to win back his friendship. **10.30** Newsnight. **11.00** The Review Show. **11.45** Weather. **11.50** Later with Jools Holland. **12.55** Taken. (R) **2.20** BBC News. **4.15** Close.

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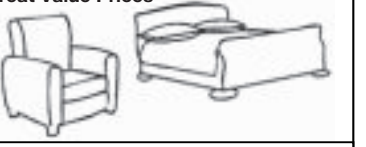

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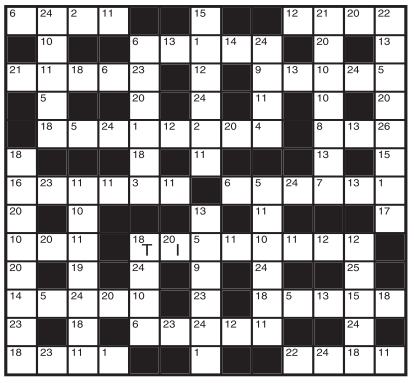

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. A man of the cloth (6)
4. Showing variations in texture, like mended clothing (6)
9. Forebodings before emotional feelings? (13)
10. Go in for the competition again (2-5)
11. Article by me may be developed into variations (5)
12. As patterns they often need to be filled in (5)
14. Distort the remainder, we hear (5)
18. District without hills, lacking beauty (5)
19. Shocking rows before Edward is defeated (7)
21. Drill manuals? (8-5)
22. Make things more difficult for the plumber? (6)
23. Harmony in sound, maybe? Not quite (6)

Down

1. Take one's leave of French section (6)
2. Old Testament philosophy involving the interchange of seers? (2,3,3,2,3)
3. Carry out a put-up job - that's straight (5)
5. Give me a term to make a piece of electrical apparatus (7)
6. Talks over sanctions having broken down (13)
7. They lack initiative, though they are positive in their assertions (3-3)
8. Begin to make an involuntary movement (5)
13. Restrict the movements of Maclean somehow (7)
15. Don't contract to provide a sumptuous feast (6)
16. Part of Alberta was hopelessly flooded (5)
17. No pretentious air is raised by the inventor (6)
20. Hood for a bird (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Bosom (6)
4. Inhuman (6)
9. Eggheads (13)
10. Delight (7)
11. Result (5)
12. Sham (5)
14. Begin (5)
18. Train (5)
19. Denial (7)
21. Obliging (13)
22. Make certain (6)
23. Heavenly body (6)

Down

1. Span (6)
2. Excesses (13)
3. Dense (5)
5. Go back (7)
6. Sin (13)
7. Reduce (6)
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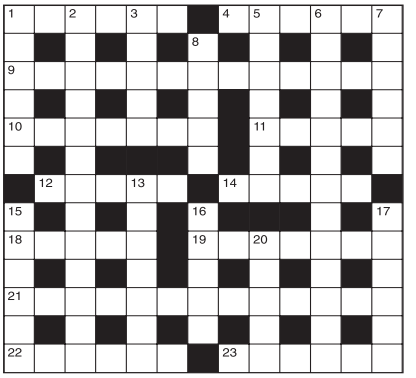
17. Slender (6)
20. Weak (5)



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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Phrenologist; 7 Madly; 8 Tuner; 9 Mat; 10 Thatchers; 11 Uphill; 12 Sandra; 15 Aftermath; 17 Act; 18 Often; 19 Piton; 21 Unreasonable. Down: 1 Perambulator; 2 Nod; 3 Layman; 4 Gate-crash; 5 Sense; 6 Press attache; 7 Match; 10 Tolerance; 13 Drawn; 14 Campus; 16 Titan; 20 Tin. QUICK - Across: 1 Condemnatory; 7 Sweet; 8 Egg on; 9 Owe; 10 Persevere; 11 Repays; 12 Joyous; 15 Posthaste; 17 Din; 18 Eaves; 19 Riven; 21 Preservative. Down: 1 Cartographer; 2 Ere; 3 Nature; 4 Therefore; 5 Rogue; 6 Unreasonable; 7 Sleep; 10 Psychosis; 13 Olden; 14 Usurer; 16 Sever; 20 Via.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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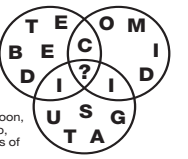
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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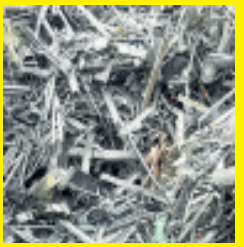

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The dining kitchen includes a stainless steel sink

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On the first floor the lounge is 16ft by 15ft and the dining kitchen – 16ft by 8ft – has a stainless steel sink, base units with roll-edge work surfaces, built-in oven with four ring gas hob, wall cupboards and patio door to the rear garden.

On the second floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom with panelled bath with shower fitting, low flush WC and pedestal wash hand basin.

Outside the rear garden has a paved patio area, lawn area and rear access.

Call Skitts on 01902 686868 for details.

Spacious four-bed with converted loft

WITH open views to the rear overlooking Kingswinford's King George Park, this extended and improved traditional semi-detached family home is for sale priced at £189,950.

The house in Water Street has spacious four bedroom accommodation, including a superb master bedroom and loft conversion with additional en-suite shower room.

On the ground floor the refitted dining kitchen, 17ft 3in x 12ft 2in, comprises a dining area 12ft 3in x 10ft 9in, with patio door to the rear garden, and a fitted kitchen – 8ft 9in by 6ft 6in – with a range of cream shaker-style units.

Other features include roll-edge work surfaces, stainless steel sink drainer with mixer tap, integrated freezer, four ring gas hob with cooker hood above, double oven, and integrated fridge.

The lounge has a flame-effect gas fire with period style feature fireplace surround with oak wood style mantel and marble style hearth.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a refitted bathroom with classic white suite. On the second floor the master bedroom has an en-suite shower room of corner cubicle, pedestal wash hand basin and WC.

The property has a block paved driveway, while to the rear is a block paved patio with steps to a timber shed, children's playhouse, lawn with borders and further timber shed to the rear with paved/woodchipped area.

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the Kingswinford semi has open views at the back

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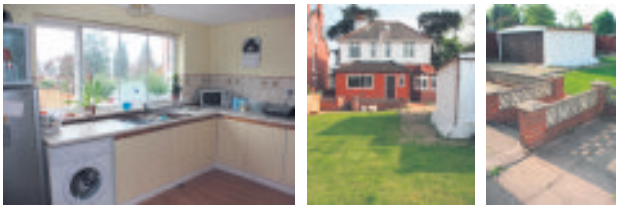

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Chevrolet Orlando – a real American muscle car which boasts a huge interior

Safety and technology are bywords for the Orlando, which has six airbags

Plenty of space for family in Orlando

THE ARRIVAL of Chevrolet's Orlando brings a new vehicle into the market place for the hard working family who needs a vehicle to be a Jack of all trades, writes Bob Hickman.

The family market up until now has been dominated by perhaps the Renault Scenic and Ford Galaxy but the arrival of Chevrolet's seven-seater Orlando has thrown down the gauntlet to these manufacturers with a vehicle that has a perfect mix of bold, brash, slab-like styling and new innovative design features.

With a choice of three engines and three trim levels the Orlando could be the vehicle that is an option for you if you have a large family or if your family is such that you need the bigger style of vehicle but also this vehicle has a trick up its sleeve because by dropping the seats it gives you a gigantic amount of space. There is 1,499 litres of space when all the rear seats are dropped; this is almost a transit van capacity.

The exterior appearance of the Orlando may not be to everyone's taste, I can see a lot of American influence and let's face it Chevrolet is an American muscle car company. It is a squared off solid chunky looking exterior and this translates in to an interior that is huge and is one of the Orlando's assets.

There is room for adults in all of the seats even the very back row of the seats could accommodate grownups for a reasonable journey; I concede headroom is at a premium but the seats are actually more than just for small children.

I like the interior, because this is the important area of the Orlando and where it is going to score over the competition. The amount of manoeuvrability and flexibility that the seats have is excellent, the middle and outer rows slide backwards and forwards, the absolute rear most seats drop away to give you excellent boot space both rows drop out of sight to give massive amount of luggage space.

I like the way the two rear rows are elevated slightly, Chevrolet suggest that it is like a theatre set-up but it does make for life in rear seats that much better and if it is going to ensconce the children they will absolutely love it.

Performer

There is a choice of three engines, one petrol and two diesels, the 1.8-litre petrol which was fitted to my test vehicle produces marginally over 140 bhp, and is sufficient to give a top speed of 115 mph and the CO_2 emissions at 172 this vehicle is not going to fit in to the cheaper excise category, Chevrolet suggest 39 mpg may be achievable. The petrol engine in my derivative was equipped with a 5-speed gearbox and whilst the engine was never one to ignite a fire it proved to be a satisfactory performer.

The diesel options are both 2-litre but have been tuned slightly differently to give different power characteristics, so there is a choice between 160 bhp and 130 bhp. Both of these are reasonable in the economy situations, the 160 bhp for example should give a 47 mpg reading.

The three trim levels are badged as LS, LT and LTZ. On a vehicle of this type you want to be reassured that the vehicle is going to be safe in the event of an accident and a lot of technology has gone into the design, the body structure has been built using very high strength steel to create a passenger safety cage that will cocoon you in the event of an incident. There are six air bags, twin at the front and in addition side and curtain air bags are included.

Chevrolet have taken the step of introducing crash sensor technology, basically what this means that if the vehicle is involved in an accident the doors will automatically unlock due to the on-board detection system and this could be a very, very useful feature for the emergency services.

At the end of the day it is all about choices when you come to buy your new car, but certainly the Chevrolet Orlando gives you an awful lot of options, it has the facility to accommodate seven people, to be a luggage carrier, and workhorse by dropping down seats.

I am particularly impressed by Chevrolet's reliability, there is a tempting five year promise of an unlimited warranty which is transferable, but without doubt one of the biggest features and one really worth high consideration is the cost implication with prices starting at just marginally of £16,000 and topping out at just over £23,000 the Orlando makes a lot of sense when you consider what you are getting for that hard earned pound that you are spending.

With two rows of seats folded the Orlando offers a massive 1,499 litres of storage space

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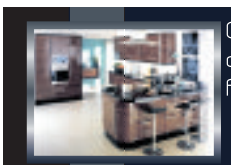

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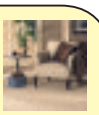

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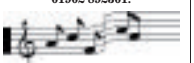

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MALE 55, single, N/S, 5ft 6ins, medium build, easygoing, seeks female, 40 plus for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389975**

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PAUL 63, tall, attractive, fit, normal, lonely, likes DIY, travel, nights out, seeks female to care for and turn life around. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 386417**

GENUINE male, 54, own home, seeks female, any age for fun. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 368871**

PAUL lonely, wounded, likes walks, seeks female for friendship and company. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388578**

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ATTRACTIVE male, 50, seek naughty lady for film/photo fun. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 360091**

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Football tables

Kidderminster & District League

Saturday

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Netherton Ath	28	24	1	3	96	26	73
Kings Heath OB	27	20	3	4	94	39	63
Two Gates	29	18	4	7	86	45	58
Dudley Villa	29	16	6	7	70	47	54
Dudley Wd Ath	28	16	2	10	78	58	50
Wyre Forest	29	15	4	10	72	53	49
Burlish Oly	28	15	3	10	82	57	48
Birch Coppice	29	13	5	11	76	51	44
Areley Kings	29	11	7	11	68	57	40
Lodgefield Pk	29	11	6	12	57	61	39
Kinver	30	11	6	13	67	80	39
Claverley	30	11	3	16	68	85	36
Orton Vale	30	7	4	19	46	101	25
Oldswinford	30	7	2	21	38	89	22
Claverley Colts	30	5	2	23	39	112	17
Castlecroft Rgr	29	3	0	26	33	109	9

Sunday

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Kingswinford	24	19	3	2	81	21	60
Woodside Utd	23	19	3	1	74	15	60
Grange Ath	21	15	3	3	75	24	48
Honved	26	12	5	9	69	53	41
Franche V	26	12	5	9	53	46	41
Harriers Trust	25	12	3	10	56	48	39
Bromle	23	12	2	9	59	36	38
Oakham Utd	24	11	4	9	52	44	37
Wolverley Ath	26	10	5	11	46	65	35
Wordsley AFC	25	7	3	15	45	76	24
Alveley Social	25	5	8	12	37	61	23
Orton Vale	25	4	6	15	35	55	18
New Olympic	24	3	6	15	31	81	15
Dudley Spts	23	1	0	22	16	104	3

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Haden Rgrs	22	17	2	3	61	23	53
Phoenix Spts	20	15	2	3	68	23	47
Caves	24	13	3	8	58	41	42
Station	23	12	5	6	53	36	41
Spth Hagley	24	13	4	7	65	40	33
Swan Bewdley	21	10	4	7	41	32	33
Wilden Village	23	8	8	7	56	48	32
Chainwire	24	7	5	12	39	58	26
Stour Pk Rgrs	22	7	3	12	43	56	24
Sporting Oak	22	5	4	13	36	56	19
Bull & Bladder	23	6	2	15	37	65	19
Wag & Horses	22	5	3	14	41	69	18
W H Sports	22	5	1	16	24	75	14

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Gornal Wood	21	19	2	0	121	24	59
Snooks	22	15	4	3	72	21	49
T S Units	24	14	4	6	50	38	46
S'bridge Rgrs	21	13	4	4	74	36	42
Wall Heath	25	10	6	9	59	56	36
New Inn Sp	25	11	3	11	74	73	36
White Horse C	25	11	3	11	67	66	36
S'bridge G'boys	25	10	6	9	49	63	36
Areley Kings	24	9	4	11	45	57	31
Chadd Corbett	23	8	5	10	45	56	29
At Top House	26	8	3	15	47	90	27
Kewford Eagles	26	5	6	15	41	70	21
Cally	23	5	2	16	41	60	17
Gigmil	26	3	2	21	38	113	11

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Royal Ex	25	23	2	0	116	26	71
Dudley	23	17	3	3	94	37	54
Darby End Ath	23	16	1	6	69	44	49
S'bridge Ath	23	16	2	5	99	41	47
Maypole Rgrs	25	14	0	11	72	65	41
Sporting Club	24	13	0	11	46	55	39
Plough Dukes	23	10	5	8	53	46	35
Bewdley Arch	25	8	5	12	69	58	29
Arley	25	9	1	15	62	81	28
Wordsley Lions	26	8	2	16	59	82	26
Rock Spts	25	8	2	15	46	73	26
Wollaston	24	8	3	13	51	84	26
Mostyn Rgrs	25	3	2	20	34	82	8
H R's Spts Bar	24	2	2	20	24	120	8

Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
N'ton Colts S	22	20	1	1	126	11	61
Withymoor	25	19	1	5	87	41	58
Lakeside Utd	28	15	6	7	57	49	51
Pockets	25	13	8	4	77	39	47
Labour In Vain	25	14	3	8	74	57	45
S'bridge G W	27	14	3	10	66	60	45
Netherton	27	12	6	9	70	83	42
Ferndale	27	11	5	11	42	46	38
Wilden V Res	26	10	5	11	72	64	35
Snooks Ath	28	11	1	16	55	81	34
Wyre Forest	27	7	5	15	64	100	26
Wolverley Soc	27	7	4	16	48	83	25
Clarkes	28	5	6	17	40	73	21
Vizi Bar	27	4	6	17	50	103	18
Wollaston L	27	4	4	19	53	91	16

Unity resigned, record expunged

Division Five

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Tap House	28	25	1	2	108	35	76
Brit Wollaston	27	18	5	4	77	29	59
Areley Kings R	26	17	6	3	63	21	57
Abberley Vale	27	15	4	8	71	43	49
Queens Head	26	13	3	10	56	40	42
King Billy	28	11	6	9	72	55	41
Preston 2010	26	11	7	8	65	46	40
Harriers Arms	26	12	3	11	57	48	39
Hamilton Rgrs	27	9	4	14	56	53	31
Star 07	28	8	6	14	53	49	30
Hillgrove	28	8	5	15	43	76	29
Withymoor W	27	8	2	17	38	78	26
Heta	28	11	8	9	61	45	19
Forest Rgrs	28	3	2	23	18	172	11
Royal Ex Res	28	1	4	23	33	81	7

Taekwondo enthusiasts Hannah, Megan and Eleanor Rees celebrate their grading successes

Eleanor completes sister act in black belt success

Taekwondo

KIDDERMINSTER sisters Hannah Rees, Megan Rees and Eleanor Rees are celebrating black belt taekwondo success.

Eleanor has become the third of the trio to be awarded her first degree black belt at the recent TAGB (Tae Kwon Association of Great Britain) gradings, which took place in Bristol.

Ten-year-old Eleanor impressed the five-strong panel of eighth degree black belts with her focus and technique.

She has now attained the grade reached by her sisters last year.

Hannah and Megan are also celebrating success at their recent black belt junior star gradings.

The sisters train under the instruction of Danielle Hickey at Chaddesley Corbett School.

For further information, contact her on 0800 0431263 or 07768 641802.

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Cookley success at top of the tables

THANKS to a mixture of good performances and weather affecting other games, both Cookley Worcestershire County league sides top their respective divisions after victories.

Chaddesley Corbett (1pt) 98, Cookley (20pts) 99-4. Cookley won by six wickets

Cookley firsts took a comfortable six-wicket win against their local rivals.

Skipper Gary Mills had the unusual experience of winning a coin toss.

His decision to field was justified as Jace Hemmings took 3-29 and Ryan Parker 3-31 as the visitors were dismissed for 98.

Cookley started solidly in reply, opener Simon Cook making 26, before an unbeaten 24 from Mark Bennett guided them home.

Cookley (24pts) 119, Enville (4pts) 89. Cookley won by 30 runs

At Enville the seconds were victorious despite a collapse sparked by a Jack Taylor golden duck and the wily bowling of Paul Moran, who took 6-31.

Ricky Keernan's six-hitting at No.11, where he made 19, took the score to a modest 120.

But the total proved to be enough as Enville succumbed to Si Kirby's fine 5-33 to win by 30 runs.

New premises herald bright future for club

KIDDERMINSTER'S Samurai Judo Club were moving into their new purpose-built premises this week after five years of hard work.

Although the new dojo is not yet fully complete, the club will be able to start running sessions there.

The building, which has cost around a quarter of a million pounds so far, has been financed by club competitions and substantial fund-raising efforts.

Samurai Judo Club

The centrepiece is a full Olympic-sized contest mat area on a specially built sprung floor.

And a side training area will be even more heavily sprung, allowing for extra throwing practice.

In addition to changing rooms and showers, the finished building will also have a video analysis room, social area, viewing gallery and a cafeteria.

Facility

Club officials reckon it will be the best judo facility in the Midlands by some distance and among the best in the country.

A formal opening will be held in July and will coincide with the club's biennial get-together where all 140 members, plus many former members, will be on the mat together.

The building is at the Gilt Edge Leisure Centre complex in Zortech Avenue.

Gilt Edge and the Samurai have been in partnership for a number of years.

Kidderminster Karate Club, another long-established body, has been with the Samurai for many years and will also move to the new venue. Founded in 1979, the Samurai club has become one of Britain's top clubs, with a wide range of activities.

In addition to being a competitive club, they have the strongest competition-organising team in the country with four of Britain's top 10 event organisers, as well as having the strongest group of senior and junior referees in the country.

In addition, they have a strong kata section.

Club officials believe others may be able to match them in some of these areas but that no other British club can match the width of their achievements.

For the last 19 years the club has been in Lisle Avenue and it was with some sadness that they left their old home last weekend – but a bright new future beckons the Samurai.

For details about judo or information about the Samurai club and its activities phone 07761 122977 or visit the club's website, www.samurai.org.uk

All smiles for veterans after tournament win

Stourport's over-40s plate winners, front from left, David Stokes, Dominic Roberts, Keith Wills, David Shepherd, Mike Taylor and David Knott. Back from left, Paul Devey, Bruce Baron, Imran Sherwani, Steve Ellis, coach Stewart Speake, manager Roy Woster, Andy Watson and physiotherapist Kerry

It was a case of second time lucky for Stourport hockey club's veterans.

They beat Bournemouth 2-0 in the England Masters over-40s plate final at Cannock.

Victory came after Stourport lost out to Ipswich in last year's over-40s cup competition, when they were agonisingly beaten in a penalty shoot-out.

A goal in either half settled the win for the Stourport side this year in an extremely hard-fought match.

The Wyre Forest side went ahead in the first half when David Knott converted a penalty corner.

This was followed up after the break with a second goal from Andy Watson, who sent a scorching shot into the far corner.

Bournemouth created chances to get back into the match but it was Stourport who held on to take the gold medals.

The path to gold began after Stourport were knocked out in the third round of the over-40s cup.

Once entered in the plate, they beat Hereford 6-3 before convincingly seeing off Burton 13-1.

That got them into the last four against Keswick, who were swept aside 11-1, before the final victory over Bournemouth.

The win comes in the same season that has seen the ladies firsts gain promotion to the National League.

Judo twins eclipse the mat rivals

KIDDERMINSTER judo twins Sally and Rachel Moon each bagged a medal at the Northern Ireland Open in Belfast, a home country open ranking points event.

They travelled with five other members of Wolverhampton Judo Club and between them managed to bring home nine medals.

Rachel Moon won gold in the juniors under-78kg category, beating all her opponents. The ranking points won leave her equal second in the Great Britain junior squad.

Sally Moon competed in the under-70kg juniors event and battled well to get to the final. There she narrowly missed out on gold, but did take silver.

Her ranking points put her third in her category in the GB juniors.

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District football results, fixtures

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Kidderminster Hospital Saturday Junior Cup semi-final: Wyre Forest 6 Areley Kings 1.
Sunday results
Premier: Bromley 2 Wordsley AFC 4; Dudley Sports 3 Alveley Social 4; Orton Vale1 Harriers Trust 2.
Division 1: Bull & Bladder 3 Wilden Village 3.
Division 2: Snooks 1 TS Units 0; Stourbridge Glassboys 0 Gornal Wood 10; Wall Heath 3 Chaddesley Corbett 3; White Horse Celtic 1 Stourbridge Rgrs 3.
Division 3: Arley 1 Royal Exchange 6; Dudley 7 H R's Sports Bar 0; Plough Dukes 0 Stourbridge Athletic 0.
Division 4: Ferndale 2 Stour Glassboys West 4; Netherton 5 Clarkes 2; Pockets 5 Wolverley Social 0; Wolverley Social 1 Pockets 6.
Division 5: Harriers Arms 2 Preston 20103; Taphouse 1 Areley Kings Res 8; The Brit Wollaston 4 Queens Head 1.
Sunday League Minor Cup Final: Netherton Colts Seniors 3 Wilden Village Res 1.
Sunday League Senior Cup Final: Kingswinford 2 Woodside United 1.
Saturday fixtures
Premier: Birch Coppice v Two Gates; Burlish Olympic v Kings Heath Old Boys; Netherton Athletic v Dudley Wood Athletic.
Sunday fixtures
Premier: Alveley Social v Woodside Utd; Grange Athletic v Dudley Sports; New Olympic v Bromley; Orton Vale v Oakham Utd.
Division 1: Stour Park Rgrs v WH Sports; Swan Bewdley v Station.
Division 2: Chaddesley Corbett v Cally; Stourbridge Rgrs v Snooks; TS Units v Gornal Wood.
Division 3: Plough Dukes v H R's Sports Bar; Sporting Club v Arley; Stourbridge Athletic v Dudley; Wollaston Celtic v Darby End Athletic.
Division 4: Labour In Vain v Ferndale; Netherton Colts Sen v Vizi Bar; Netherton Colts Sen v Wyre Forest Harriers; Pockets v Withymoor.
Division 5: Abberley Vale v Queens Head; Areley Kings Res v Preston 2010; Harriers Arms v The Brit Wollaston.

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End of an era as judo club leaves

KIDDERMINSTER'S Samurai Judo Club members were coming to the end of a five-year journey this week.

The club are moving into new purpose-built premises in a project which has cost more than £250,000.

The building's centre-piece is an Olympic-sized contest mat area.

The new premises are at the Gilt Edge Leisure Centre in Zortech Avenue and mean the club have said a fond farewell to their old base at Lisle Avenue after a 19-year stay.

A formal opening to the new premises will be staged in July. Kidderminster Karate Club are also involved in the switch.

Samurai, founded in 1979, are among the country's top clubs.

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Khan is king as Kidderminster crash

Berkswell (24pts) 112, Kidderminster Victoria (4pts) 95. Berkswell won by 17 runs

Kidderminster Victoria CC

BERKSWELL'S Babar Khan snatched a Birmingham League Premier victory away from Kidderminster Victoria.

He finished unbeaten on 26 in putting on 29 for the last wicket with Sultan Khan and then took 5-26 to wreck Kidderminster's reply, ***writes Brian Gittins.***

The bad weather must have put KVCC's game in question.

The ground was being prepared for a Worcestershire v Surrey match which was eventually moved back to Worcester Road as conditions improved there.

However, new KVCC groundsman Damon Willetts had prepared a wicket that although a little damp was to produce a close game. Kidderminster won the toss, decided to field and quickly had the visitors 5-3.

Richard Kimberlin, struck in his first over, sending Ian Westwood back to the pavilion for a single, caught by Neil Pinner.

Jack Cornick was caught by keeper Ben Cox, off the next ball, before Gareth Williams to dismissed Phil Neale.

Tom Milnes got Berkswell going and the score had reached 37 before a Pinner catch off Kimberlin saw the end of former Warwickshire stalwart Dominic Ostler.

Mohammad Akhlaq was bowled by Mark Mansell for eight with the total on 57 and Milnes was caught by Mark Edwards off the bowling of debutant Connor Smith for 30.

Three more wickets fell for the addition of 26 runs to leave the score on 83-9, but the Khans' resistance proved crucial as Sultan faced 34 balls in scoring three before being stumped by Cox off Williams.

Kimberlin took 3-28 and Williams 2-20, while Smith recorded figures of 6-2-6-2.

Babar Khan now stepped in with the ball, aided by Milnes' 3-29.

KVCC rarely threatened, with the biggest stand being 35 for the third wicket between Pinner (19) and Zac Turley (16) which was the only bright light in the early stages.

Edwards was out for four and Cox for a duck as KVCC went from 39-3 to 53-7.

Jonathan Wright scored one, as did Kimberlin, while Mansell hit a patient 10 and Henry Wright managed just two.

Ryan Derrick and Gareth Williams scored three and five respectively and Smith backed up his bowling with an unbeaten 23 which included a six and two fours.

On Saturday KVCC visit Wolverhampton (noon).

SEASON TICKET LIFT FOR THE HARRIERS

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS have already shifted the best part of 600 season tickets for next season – less than two weeks after their last campaign came to an end.

Although the final figure was eight fewer than through the same initiative last year, the club have still sold 577 season tickets through their Early Bird scheme.

The figure was counted over the Bank Holiday weekend after the offer expired last Friday and, although lower year on year, maintains an overall period of growth.

by Craig Birch

Even at 577, the figure is higher than the entire take-up of 2010, where just 560 supporters were registered as season ticket holders.

The goal is to, at least, match the 828 season ticket holders for the last campaign, although chairman Mark Serrell has ambitions of breaking the 1,000 mark.

Club spokesman Matt Wall said: "The last couple of weeks, in particular, have been very busy and we are delighted with these numbers.

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"In terms of junior supporters' season tickets in particular, we would expect the figure to continue to rise considerably before the season begins again.

"We are certainly well on target to surpass the total figure we saw for 2011-12, which is great news."

The coffers at Aggborough were swelled further when the club announced that 'Hire it' is back on board as their shirt sponsors.

The Kidderminster-based tool hire company had their names emblazoned on the strip from 2004 to 2007, last featuring in the FA Trophy final at Wembley.

They have signed a two-year contract with Harriers and replace OGL Computers, themselves two-time shirt sponsors.

'Hire It' owner John Davies is a lifelong Harriers fan and was present when the news broke at the club's end of season presentation dinner at Aggborough.

Players taking awards last Friday night were Anthony Malbon, Jamille Matt, Lee Vaughan and youth team captain Paul Hurrell.

Malbon won the away supporters' Player of the Season award, despite joining Harriers from Newcastle Town only in January.

Matt was the favourite with the junior supporters, despite missing the last two months of the season fighting claims he is an illegal immigrant.

Vaughan took the overall supporters' award despite a red card in the final home game of the season at home to Mansfield.

Hurrell was named star man from the Harriers academy, even making the first team bench for an FA Trophy game against Droylsden in January.

And there was a 'club-man of the year' award for Ade Ganderton, in recognition of his work as kitman.

Olympic Amy hoping for surprise success

Amy Smith, left, with team-mates Caitlin McClatchey, Keri-Anne Payne, Georgia Davies and Jemma Lowe

KIDDERMINSTER swimmer Amy Smith wants to step out of the shadows in this summer's Olympics.

The 24-year-old said a medal at London 2012 would come out of the blue, but she wants to show she can perform on the Olympic stage.

Personal bests in the 100m and 50m freestyle in March's trials booked her Games place.

Rival and Team GB team-mate Fran Halsall is a favourite for the 100m title while Rebecca Adlington's double gold in Beijing turned her into a star.

Smith isn't expecting to replicate Adlington's success, but is still aiming to make waves in the pool come July.

"I'd like to make a name for myself and show people at Olympics – the biggest sporting event – what I can do," said the ex-Loughborough University student, who also hopes to land a spot in the 4x100m freestyle relay team.

"With the individuals I haven't got the experience, I'm only just getting my way into the world's top nine.

"So to suddenly jump up and medal would come out of the blue – it's not expected."

Waldron stars as Stourport ease home

Wormelow (0pts) 78, Stourport (20pts) 78-2. Stourport won by eight wickets

A FINE bowling spell from in-form bowler Lee Waldron helped demolish Wormelow in a low scoring match at Walshes Meadow.

Batting first, Wormlow lost wickets at regular intervals as Waldron returned excellent figures of 4-17 off 15 overs with good support from Craig Siwicki (3-35).

The home side made light work of a paltry target, running out winners in the 24th over.

The seconds were again left frustrated again when their trip to Wormelow was a casualty of the wet weather.

Stourport (13pts) 188-6, Oldswinford (2pts) 91-3. Draw

Newly-promoted Stourport thirds took 13 points from their clash with Oldswinford.

After being put into bat on a wet wicket, Stourport got off to fine start from openers Peter Harrison (81) and Bryan Colley (44) to help them to a competitive 188-6.

Oldswinford made little attempt to go for the win, limping to 91-3.

Golf girls make county finals

THREE divisional winners from Kidderminster Golf Club are on their way to the Centenary Cup county finals.

Dorothy McKie headed Division One, Elizabeth Johnstone Division Two and Sue Billings Division Three.

Ladies results. Foursomes: Linda Clarke and Sheila Chambers, 31pts.

Stableford Division One: 1 Elizabeth Johnstone 30pts (countback), 2 Nadia Stirling 30. Division Two: 1 Jane Abraham 30pts, 2 Jane Murrant 28.

Seniors Match Results: Captain 7 Secretary 2, Kidderminster 5.5 Stourbridge 2.5, Kings Norton 1.5 Kidderminster 4.5, Kidderminster 4 Droitwich 3, Churchill and Blakedown 2.5 Kidderminster 4.5. **Umpleby Shield:** Men 9 Women 5.

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